

# The Living Room Times

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**MARCH MADNESS**



## UMass stunned in final

### OSU survives late scare; wins MKMS championship

Never underestimate the Power of Pilz.

Mr. Pilz led his Oklahoma State Cowboys to their second miracle victory of the 'March Madness' tournament. And this time, their reward is the Martin Kellogg championship.

Oklahoma State stunned tourney favorite, team-to-beat UMass on Monday, winning 39-36 in thrilling fashion.

After leading for most of the game, OSU had to withstand a late comeback run by UMass—and make a comeback of their own—before they became the champions of Kellogg's first annual March Madness tournament.

Oklahoma State opened the game on a 9-0 run, and with 19:50 left in the twenty-five minute championship game, they led 11-2. With 14:17 to go, UMass trailed 12-7, largely because they had hit only 2 of 24 shots from the floor.

The teams went back and forth for a while, and it was 21-15 with 7:55 left, until OSU went on a 5-0 run to increase their margin to eleven at 26-15. With 2:48 left, OSU led 30-19, and it seemed that UMass's chance to win was dwindling.

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### Rinaldi named MVP despite loss

Despite losing the championship game of the 'March Madness' tournament to Oklahoma State, Carmine Rinaldi won swept up all the MVP honors he could possibly get—winning East Regional MVP, Final Four MVP, and tournament MVP.

In five tournament games, totaling 105 minutes of play, Rinaldi scored 182 points. That's approximately one point every 36 seconds.

Rinaldi shined very brightly in the Final Four as well. He scored 46 points against a very talented North Carolina team, and 32 points against Kellogg champion Oklahoma State. He shot 28 of 59 from the floor, as well as 18 of 21 from the free-throw line. And he scored 11 points in 26 seconds to put UMass ahead by five with 1:10 left in

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## Oklahoma State stuns UMass; wins title

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But with 2:30 left, the run that everyone had been expecting from UMass finally got underway, as Chris Gemmell hit a two-pointer, and two foul shots, and Carmine Rinaldi hit another two-pointer, to make it 30-25.

Pilz then went to the line to shoot to free throws for OSU. He made the first, but missed the second, and UMass's Gemmell got the rebound.

It was then, with the score 31-25, OSU leading, with 1:36 to go, that UMass's run swung into full gear. Carmine Rinaldi hit three consecutive two-pointers—the third tied the score at 31-31—followed by a three-pointer to give UMass a 34-31 lead, and another two-pointer just for good measure.

Rinaldi had scored 11 points in just 26 seconds, and he had brought UMass from six points down to five points up, at 36-31, with 1:10 to go.

Rinaldi tried to continue the run with another two-pointer, but it bounced off the rim, and Pilz grabbed the rebound. He passed the ball back to Bryan Rudolph, who passed it to Kristyn Fontanella.

And then, with 1:00 left, Fontanella hit the most important basket of the game for OSU. It was her only basket of the game, but it turned the tide. UMass's run was over, and OSU was within three at 36-33.

After Fontanella's critical two-pointer, Pilz hit another two-pointer, with 52 seconds left, to bring OSU back within one point, trailing UMass 36-35.

And with 40.9 seconds left, Pilz was fouled. He went to the free-throw line, and nailed two free throws. That gave OSU the lead, 37-36.

All OSU had to do now was hold on to the ball, and make any free throws they had to shoot. Because in the 'March Madness' games, there is no shot clock, and whoever makes a basket gets the ball back.

But a foul was called against OSU, and UMass got the ball back with 19.9 seconds to go. Down one, UMass needed a basket.

And they very nearly got one. Rinaldi's shot with 17.1 seconds left rolled around the rim, and out. Charley Fort got the rebound, and tried to get a putback shot, but his bounced out as well. Pilz then took charge, jumping up and tipping the ball back to Fontanella. Fontanella passed it back to Pilz, and Pilz was fouled with 8 seconds left.

Pilz hit both foul shots, giving OSU a 39-36 lead, and possession of the ball.

They simply held on to the ball, and the win. Bryan Rudolph took a three-point shot at the buzzer, which didn't fall, but it didn't matter.

Oklahoma State had won the Kellogg championship.

## Rinaldi wins MVP of Final Four and tourney

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the championship game, a lead they squandered in the closing minute. Rinaldi added a total of 24 rebounds, 5 assists, 6 steals, and 6 blocks, including 2 spectacular blocks on Bryan Rudolph, and one on Mr. Pilz, in the championship game.

Mr. Pilz, star player of Kellogg champion Oklahoma State, was second on the Final Four all-star team. He did not score as many points as Rinaldi in the Final Four, but Pilz led his team to the championship with performances of 21 and 23 points in the two Final Four games. Pilz shot a total of 16 of 29 from the floor, and a near-perfect 12 of 15 from the free-throw line. He hit some clutch free-throws down the stretch to help OSU win the championship, and also got the critical rebound with 10 seconds left that won the game for Oklahoma State. Pilz added a total of 28 rebounds, 9 assists, and 3 blocks.

Also named to the four-man Final Four all-star team were Bryan Rudolph of Oklahoma State, who had a total of 29 points and 13 rebounds, and Brian Newbold, a sub for North Carolina. Newbold only played one Final Four game, a semifinal loss to UMass, but in it he scored 16 points and was 4 for 5 from three-point land.

## FINAL FOUR ALL-STARS

Carmine Rinaldi, *UMass (MVP)*

Sandy Pilz, *Oklahoma State*

Bryan Rudolph, *Oklahoma State*

Brian Newbold, *North Carolina sub*

## ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS

### FIRST STRING:

Carmine Rinaldi, *UMass (MVP)*

Mr. Pilz, *Oklahoma State*

Bryan Rudolph, *Oklahoma State*

Russell Dailey, *UMass*

### SECOND STRING:

Mr. Vallera, *North Carolina*

Jose Viera, *Oklahoma*

Brenden Roche, *UCLA*

Matt Kennedy, *Houston*

### THIRD STRING:

Tim Hazelton, *UMass*

Brian Zapatka, *North Carolina*

Chris Gemmell, *Syracuse/UMass sub*

Pat Zapatka, *Syracuse*

### HONORABLE MENTIONS:

Myke Cocolla, *St. John's*

Todd Kean, *Kansas/Georgetown sub/North Carolina sub*

Mr. V, *UCLA*

Joe Grover, *Iowa*

Mike DelGaudio, *Georgia Tech*

Brian Newbold, *Old Dominion/North Carolina sub*

# FINAL FOUR BOX SCORES

## Oklahoma State 44 UCLA 34

### OKLAHOMA STATE (44)

<u>Player</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>points</u>
Pilz	8-17	5-6	22	8	21
Rudolph	7-13	1-4	3	1	15
Fontanella	4-18	0-0	0	3	8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19-48</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>

Three-point goals: 0-3 (Pilz 0-2, Rudolph 0-1)

FG pct.: 39.6% FT pct.: 60.0%

Blocks: 2 (Pilz 2)

Steals: not recorded on stat sheet

### UCLA (34)

<u>Player</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>points</u>
Roche	5-18	0-3	7	3	10
DiNardi	2-15	0-2	3	3	4
Vincenzo	10-26	0-0	22	3	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17-59</b>	<b>0-5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>

Three-point goals: 0-16 (Roche 0-7, DiNardi 0-6, Vincenzo 0-3)

FG pct.: 28.8% FT pct.: 0%

Blocks: 0

Steals: not recorded on stat sheet

## UMass 60 North Carolina 38

### UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS (60)

<u>Player</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>points</u>
Fort (sub)	2-4	1-2	5	1	5
Rinaldi	16-24	11-12	14	5	46
Gemmell (sub)	3-7	1-2	4	4	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21-35</b>	<b>13-16</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60</b>

Three-point goals: 5-9 (Rinaldi 3-6, Gemmel 2-3)

FG pct.: 60.0% FT pct.: 81.3%

Blocks: 4 (Rinaldi 2, Gemmell 2)

Steals: 0

### NORTH CAROLINA (38)

<u>Player</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>points</u>
Newbold (sub)	5-7	2-3	3	3	16
B. Zapatka	4-11	4-9	8	5	13
Vallera	3-14	3-6	8	2	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12-32</b>	<b>9-18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>38</b>

Three-point goals: 5-11 (Newbold 4-5, Zapatka 1-2, Vallera 0-4)

FG pct.: 37.5% FT pct.: 50.0%

Blocks: 2 (Newbold 1, Vallera 1)

Steals: 5 (Vallera 3, Newbold 1, Zapatka 1)

## Oklahoma State 39 UMass 36

### OKLAHOMA STATE (39)

<u>Player</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>points</u>
Pilz	8-12	7-9	6	1	23
Rudolph	6-17	1-2	10	1	14
Fontanella	1-4	0-4	3	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15-33</b>	<b>8-15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>

Three-point goals: 1-5 (Rudolph 1-4, Pilz 0-1)

FG pct.: 45.5% FT pct.: 53.3%

Blocks: 1 (Pilz 1)

Steals: 1 (Rudolph 1)

### UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS (36)

<u>Player</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>points</u>
Fort (sub)	0-7	0-0	9	0	0
Rinaldi	12-35	7-9	10	0	32
Gemmell (sub)	2-11	1-1	4	1	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14-53</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>

Three-point goals: 1-15 (Rinaldi 1-13, Gemmell 0-2)

FG pct.: 26.4% FT pct.: 80.0%

Blocks: 5 (Rinaldi 4, Fort 1)

Steals: 7 (Rinaldi 6, Gemmell 1)

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