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Upset Denied: Cats Survive

Kentucky doesn't allow Syracuse title upset



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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) -- Kentucky has its first national championship in 18 years, the one it was supposed to win all season.

The Wildcats got it with a 76-67 victory over Syracuse on Monday night, a loss that earned the Orangemen the respect few gave them going in.

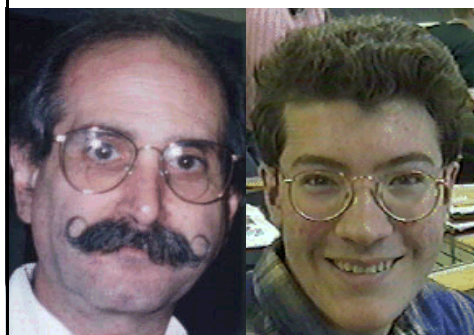
The sixth national title in school history, second only to UCLA's 11, came through the scoring of senior Tony Delk
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Above: Times editor Brendan Loy, who had predicted that Syracuse would win by three, shows his frustration as Kentucky pulls away.

Final Standings: Ruggiero, then Gualtieri

“G-Man” is top student in *Times* moneyless NCAA pool



We already knew that Lou Ruggiero had won the *LR Times*'s moneyless NCAA tournament pool. Now we can fill in the gaps from #2 to #17.

Finishing second—first among students, as he was beaten only by Ruggiero, a math teacher—was Claudio Gualtieri. Gualtieri was followed by Bill Kenny and Joey Ploszay, the only two students to correctly pick two Final Four teams, tied for third.

Top Five Finishers

Lou Ruggiero	354
Claudio Gualtieri	334
Bill Kenny	332
Joey Ploszay	332
Bryan Rudolph	331

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Kentucky wins championship

Fulfills preseason expectations with 76-67 title game win

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and freshman Ron Mercer. And, of course, the famed pressure defense and the ability to use college basketball's deepest roster.

Syracuse, a 14-point underdog, has the most NCAA tournament victories without a title. A 36th NCAA win would have meant a first national championship. Now, this Syracuse team joins the one-point losers to Indiana in the 1987 championship game in sustaining the most bitter defeats in school history.

Delk finished with 24 points and tied the championship game record with seven 3-pointers. The Wildcats finished with 12

3s, something critical in cracking Syracuse's 2-3 zone. Kentucky tied the championship game record for 3s by a team.

Mercer came up with a career-high 20 points, all but six of the points the deep Kentucky bench provided. More importantly, the extra bodies enabled the Wildcats to keep up the defensive pressure; Syracuse finished with 24 turnovers, 19 more than it had in the semifinal win over Mississippi State.

John Wallace, the senior who returned to school rather than enter the NBA last year, finished with 29 points and 10 rebounds. But he left the game in tears when he fouled out with 1:06 to play and Kentucky leading 72-67.

<u>Living Room Times NCAA moneyless pool</u>	<u>ROUND 1 WINNERS</u> 5 points per prediction	<u>ROUND 2 WINNERS</u> 7 points per prediction	<u>SWEET 16 WINNERS</u> 10 points per prediction	<u>ELITE 8 WINNERS</u> 15 points per prediction	<u>PICK THE FINALISTS</u> 20 points per prediction	<u>PICK THE CHAMPION</u> 25 points per prediction	<u>TOTAL</u>
<i>Lou Ruggiero</i>	140 pts (28-4)	84 pts (12-4)	70 pts (7-1)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	354 pts (50-13)
<i>Claudio Gualtieri</i>	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	70 pts (7-1)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	334 pts (46-17)
<i>Bill Kenny</i>	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	60 pts (6-2)	30 pts (2-2)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	332 pts (45-18)
<i>Joey Ploszay</i>	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	60 pts (6-2)	30 pts (2-2)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	332 pts (45-18)
<i>Bryan Rudolph</i>	120 pts (24-8)	91 pts (13-3)	60 pts (6-2)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	331 pts (46-17)
<i>Matt Kagan</i>	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	60 pts (6-2)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	324 pts (45-18)
<i>Bob Struzenski</i>	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	60 pts (6-2)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	324 pts (45-18)
<i>Todd Stigliano</i>	125 pts (25-7)	84 pts (12-4)	50 pts (5-3)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	319 pts (45-18)
<i>Matt Dusel</i>	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	60 pts (6-2)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	317 pts (44-19)
<i>Shaun Sullivan</i>	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	60 pts (6-2)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	0 pts (0-1)	299 pts (44-19)
<i>Travis Meyer</i>	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	40 pts (4-4)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	297 pts (42-21)
<i>Brendan Loy</i>	110 pts (22-10)	70 pts (10-6)	50 pts (5-3)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	25 pts (1-0)	290 pts (40-23)
<i>Justin Gerace</i>	115 pts (23-9)	84 pts (12-4)	50 pts (5-3)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	0 pts (0-1)	284 pts (42-21)
<i>Sandy Pilz</i>	130 pts (26-6)	77 pts (11-5)	50 pts (5-3)	15 pts (1-3)	0 pts (0-2)	0 pts (0-1)	272 pts (43-20)
<i>Dan Stoddard</i>	110 pts (22-10)	70 pts (10-6)	50 pts (5-3)	15 pts (1-3)	20 pts (1-1)	0 pts (0-1)	265 pts (39-24)
<i>Kate Harbeson</i>	110 pts (22-10)	84 pts (12-4)	50 pts (5-3)	15 pts (1-3)	0 pts (0-2)	0 pts (0-1)	259 pts (40-23)
<i>Steve Santos</i>	115 pts (23-9)	77 pts (11-5)	60 pts (6-2)	0 pts (0-4)	0 pts (0-2)	0 pts (0-1)	252 pts (40-23)
AVERAGE	<i>119.7 points</i> (23.94 - 8.06)	<i>80.3 points</i> (11.47 - 4.53)	<i>56.5 points</i> (5.65 - 4.35)	<i>15.9 points</i> (0.93 - 3.07)	<i>16.5 points</i> (0.82 - 1.18)	<i>16.2 points</i> (0.65 - 0.35)	305 points (43.59 - 19.41)

Baseball's Opening Day

NL umpire dies of heart attack in first inning

Tragedy during Reds/Expos game saddens opening day

CINCINNATI (Associated Press) -- Umpire John McSherry died today after collapsing in the first inning of Cincinnati's opener against the Montreal Expos. A Reds doctor said he likely had a major heart attack.

"Major league umpire John McSherry was pronounced dead at 3:04 p.m. EST," University of Cincinnati Hospital spokeswoman Francine Crawford



Third-base umpire Tom Hallion can't watch (left picture) as his friend and colleague, John McSherry, is attended to on the field Monday after suffering a massive heart attack (right picture).

said.

The game was stopped when McSherry, 51, collapsed and was postponed about 75 minutes later. The game, which was seven pitches old at the time, will be played from the start Tuesday.

"He probably had a massive coronary," said Richard Jolson, one of the Reds' doctors.

McSherry walked away from home plate seven pitches into the game and motioned to the other umpires before collapsing on the warning track in front of a tunnel near the backstop. Witnesses said McSherry had not regained consciousness when he was taken to a hospital with rescue workers pumping

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Mets win opener

Come from behind to defeat Cardinals, 7-6

NEW YORK (Associated Press) -- The New York Mets began the 1996 season where they left off 1995.

Picked by some to make a run at the playoffs despite an inexperienced lineup, the Mets thrilled their opening-day crowd of 42,060 by rallying from a six-run deficit Monday to defeat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-6.

Held to four hits by Andy Benes and trailing 6-3 through six innings, the Mets strung together five singles and a sacrifice fly to score four times in the seventh and spoil Tony La Russa's debut as St. Louis' manager.

Todd Hundley hit a two-run homer and former Cardinal Bernard Gilkey had a solo home run and a key single for

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Clemens shaky as Red Sox lose

Boston falls to Texas 5-3

ARLINGTON, Texas (Associated Press) -- Ken Hill, making his debut for Texas, led the Rangers over the Boston Red Sox and Roger Clemens 5-3 Monday in their season opener.

Craig Worthington, starting because Dean Palmer has an injured hamstring, homered for the Rangers, who drew 40,484 to The Ballpark in Arlington, about 8,000 short of a sellout.

Hill pitched for St. Louis and Cleveland last year, then signed an \$8.15 million, two-year deal with Texas. He

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Yankees will start season a day late

CLEVELAND (Associated Press) -- The season opener of the New York Yankees and Cleveland Indians at Jacobs Field in Cleveland has been postponed due to snow. The game has been rescheduled for 1:05 p.m. Tuesday.

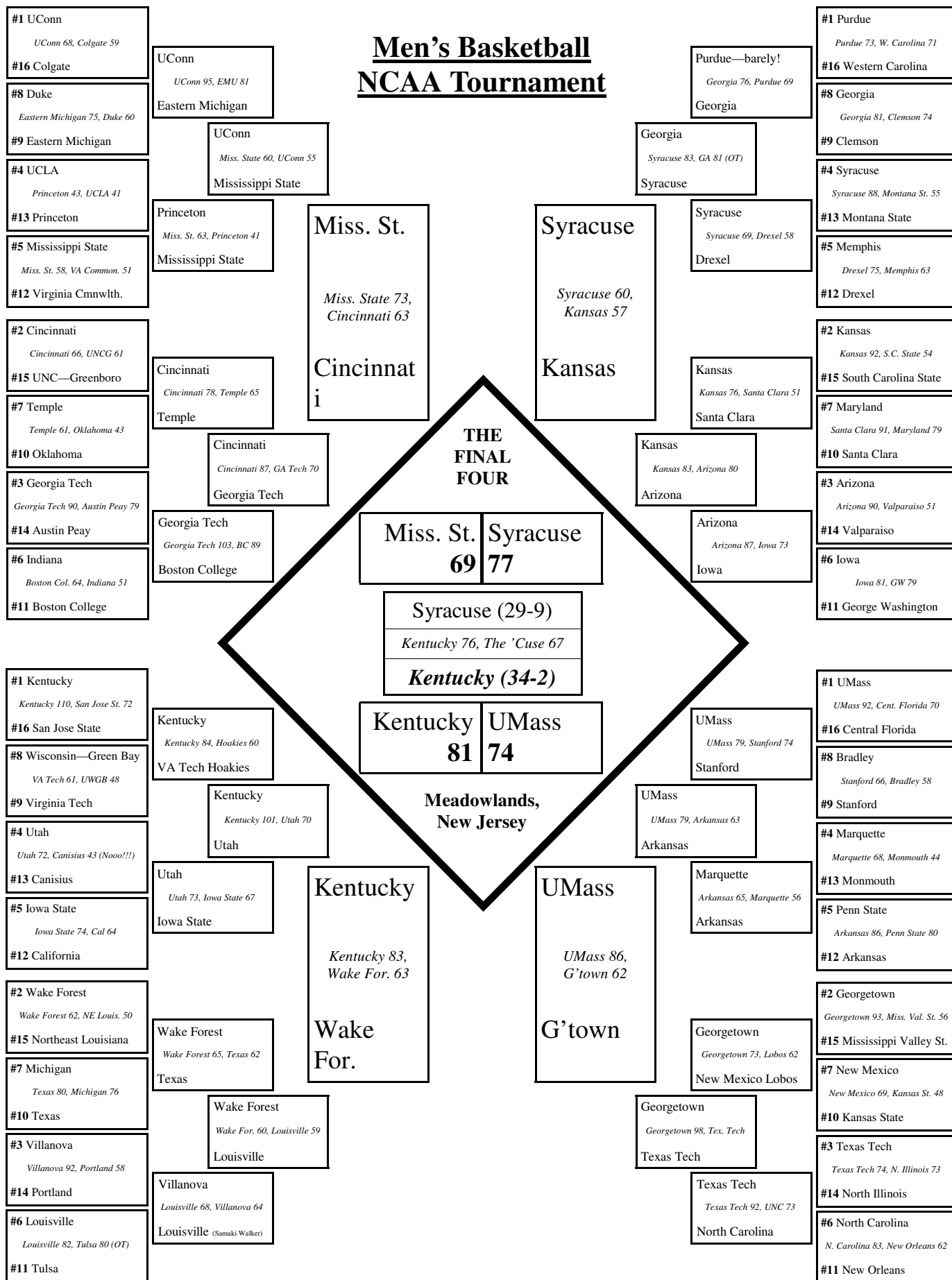
Husky Homecoming

Late Sunday night—well, actually it was early Monday morning—at Bradley Airport, the UConn women, who lost to Tennessee in the Final Four, returned home. The team was greeted by a large crowd of cheering, sign-waving fans, including *Times* chief editor Brendan Loy, who took these pictures with his camcorder.



Above: Senior co-captains Jamelle Elliott (left) and Jen Rizzotti (right) spoke to the crowd from the door of the bus. Rizzotti said, "We just want to say 'Thank You,' guys, for coming out. We really appreciate it. We're not going to all come out right now because it's really late and we all have to go to class tomorrow, but everyone really appreciates you guys being her. Thank you."

Men's Basketball NCAA Tournament



#1 UConn
UConn 68, Colgate 59

#16 Colgate

#8 Duke
Eastern Michigan 75, Duke 60

#9 Eastern Michigan

#4 UCLA
Princeton 43, UCLA 41

#13 Princeton

#5 Mississippi State
Miss. St. 58, VA Common. 51

#12 Virginia Cmnwlth.

#2 Cincinnati
Cincinnati 66, UNCG 61

#15 UNC—Greenboro

#7 Temple
Temple 61, Oklahoma 43

#10 Oklahoma

#3 Georgia Tech
Georgia Tech 90, Austin Peay 79

#14 Austin Peay

#6 Indiana
Boston Col. 64, Indiana 51

#11 Boston College

UConn
UConn 95, EMU 81

Eastern Michigan

UConn
Miss. State 60, UConn 55

Mississippi State

Princeton
Miss. St. 63, Princeton 41

Mississippi State

Cincinnati
Cincinnati 78, Temple 65

Temple

Cincinnati
Cincinnati 87, GA Tech 70

Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech
Georgia Tech 103, BC 89

Boston College

Miss. St.
Miss. State 73, Cincinnati 63

Cincinnati

Syracuse
Syracuse 60, Kansas 57

Kansas

Purdue—barely!
Georgia 76, Purdue 69

Georgia

Georgia
Syracuse 83, GA 81 (OT)

Syracuse

Syracuse
Syracuse 69, Drexel 58

Drexel

Kansas
Kansas 76, Santa Clara 51

Santa Clara

Kansas
Kansas 83, Arizona 80

Arizona

Arizona
Arizona 87, Iowa 73

Iowa

#1 Purdue
Purdue 73, W. Carolina 71

#16 Western Carolina

#8 Georgia
Georgia 81, Clemson 74

#9 Clemson

#4 Syracuse
Syracuse 88, Montana St. 55

#13 Montana State

#5 Memphis
Drexel 75, Memphis 63

#12 Drexel

#2 Kansas
Kansas 92, S.C. State 54

#15 South Carolina State

#7 Maryland
Santa Clara 91, Maryland 79

#10 Santa Clara

#3 Arizona
Arizona 90, Valparaiso 51

#14 Valparaiso

#6 Iowa
Iowa 81, GW 79

#11 George Washington

#1 Kentucky
Kentucky 110, San Jose St. 72

#16 San Jose State

#8 Wisconsin—Green Bay
VA Tech 61, UWGB 48

#9 Virginia Tech

#4 Utah
Utah 72, Canisius 43 (Noooo!!!)

#13 Canisius

#5 Iowa State
Iowa State 74, Cal 64

#12 California

#2 Wake Forest
Wake Forest 62, NE Louis. 50

#15 Northeast Louisiana

#7 Michigan
Texas 80, Michigan 76

#10 Texas

#3 Villanova
Villanova 92, Portland 58

#14 Portland

#6 Louisville
Louisville 82, Tulsa 80 (OT)

#11 Tulsa

Kentucky
Kentucky 84, Hoakies 60

VA Tech Hoakies

Kentucky
Kentucky 101, Utah 70

Utah

Utah
Utah 73, Iowa State 67

Iowa State

Wake Forest
Wake Forest 65, Texas 62

Texas

Wake Forest
Wake For. 60, Louisville 59

Louisville

Villanova
Louisville 68, Villanova 64

Louisville (Samaki Walker)

Kentucky
Kentucky 83, Wake For. 63

Wake For.

UMass
UMass 86, G'town 62

G'town

UMass
UMass 79, Stanford 74

Stanford

UMass
UMass 79, Arkansas 63

Arkansas

Marquette
Arkansas 65, Marquette 56

Arkansas

Georgetown
Georgetown 73, Lobos 62

New Mexico Lobos

Georgetown
Georgetown 98, Tex. Tech

Texas Tech

Texas Tech
Texas Tech 92, UNC 73

North Carolina

#1 UMass
UMass 92, Cent. Florida 70

#16 Central Florida

#8 Bradley
Stanford 66, Bradley 58

#9 Stanford

#4 Marquette
Marquette 68, Monmouth 44

#13 Monmouth

#5 Penn State
Arkansas 86, Penn State 80

#12 Arkansas

#2 Georgetown
Georgetown 93, Miss. Val. St. 56

#15 Mississippi Valley St.

#7 New Mexico
New Mexico 69, Kansas St. 48

#10 Kansas State

#3 Texas Tech
Texas Tech 74, N. Illinois 73

#14 North Illinois

#6 North Carolina
N. Carolina 83, New Orleans 62

#11 New Orleans

Umpire collapses during game, dies of massive heart attack

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his chest.

McSherry, listed at 328 pounds, had medical problems in the past. He was named a crew chief in July 1988, replacing Lee Weyer, who died of a heart attack two weeks earlier.

Last August, he was forced to leave a game between Atlanta and Chicago because of heat exhaustion. In 1993, he left a game in Cincinnati against Los Angeles after becoming ill in 87-degree heat.

McSherry was forced to leave Game 7 of the 1992 NL

playoffs between Pittsburgh and Atlanta in the second inning because of dizziness. A year earlier, he collapsed because of dehydration during a game between St. Louis and Atlanta.

McSherry became a member of the NL staff on June 1, 1971.

The collapse occurred at 2:09 p.m. EST, two minutes after the game began. Fellow umpire Tom Hallion left for the hospital soon after an ambulance took away McSherry.

Mets come back, win

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the Mets. Rookie shortstop Rey Ordonez made two nice plays up the middle, including a diving stop to throw out Willie McGee to end the game.

The victory on a wet afternoon was a carryover from last season, when the Mets won 28 of their final 43 games, and this year's spring training, when they continued to show promise.

McGee hit a three-run homer for the Cardinals, who appeared on their way to giving La Russa a victory in his first NL game.

But Jose Vizciano singled with one out off Rick Honeycutt in the New York seventh and Ordonez beat out an infield single. Pinch-hitting specialist Chris Jones followed with an RBI single and Ordonez scored on Lance Johnson's infield hit off loser Tony Fossas.

Gilkey then sliced an RBI single. Rico Brogna followed with a fly to short right and the speedy Johnson decided to test McGee's arm and scored easily as the throw was way off line.

Reliever Jerry DiPoto picked up the win and John Franco worked the ninth for the save.

McGee's three-run homer and a solo shot by John Mabry helped the Cardinals take a 6-0 lead in the fourth.

McGee, starting in place of the injured Brian Jordan, and Mabry homered in the fourth off Bobby Jones. The Mets starter was tagged for eight hits and six runs in 3 2-3 innings.

Benes limited the Mets to four hits -- two homers -- in six innings. The right-hander, signed as a free agent, walked one and struck out five, including the side in the sixth after giving up a leadoff homer to Gilkey.

Ray Lankford had three hits for the Cardinals.

Ordonez, whose defensive skills have been compared to the Cardinals' Ozzie Smith, made a spectacular play in the seventh. After taking a throw from Gilkey in short left, Ordonez fired a strike to the plate while on his knees to get Royce Clayton at the plate.

Red Sox fall short

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allowed eight hits in 8 2-3 innings, struck out seven and walked none. After Tim Lincecum homered in the ninth, Ed Vosberg finished for the save.

Clemens, 3-1 in seven season openers coming in, allowed four runs and three hits in five innings, struck out five and walked six.

Ivan Rodriguez put Texas ahead in the first when he walked and scored on Will Clark's double. Worthington, who had just two homers last year, homered in the second.

Texas added a pair of unearned runs in the fifth after shortstop John Valentin booted a grounder by Rodriguez, Will Clark walked, Juan Gonzalez hit an RBI double and Worthington followed with a sacrifice fly.

Mo Vaughn's third single of the game drove in a run in the sixth. He added an RBI groundout in the eighth.

Mark McLemore singled home a run in the bottom half off Jeff Suppan.