

# Fab Five earn trip to Final Four

SEATTLE (AP) — Michigan, perhaps the best team in the country at playing half of a game, is going back to the Final Four after a show of brute power and raw talent overcame a big deficit against Temple.

The Wolverines, aided by a key technical against Temple's coach, danced on the court and donned Final Four shirts at the end of their 77-72 victory Sunday, looking ahead to a meeting with Kentucky in New Orleans.

For the third straight game, Michigan played one dismal half and one superb half. Fortunately for the Wolverines, they put together their best play in the second half against the Owls, coming back after trailing by 10 points.

Jalen Rose led Michigan with 17 points, 13 in the second half, as he took control of the offense along with off-guard Jimmy King, who had 14 points. Chris Webber, who survived a beating under the boards, had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Rick Brunson led Temple (20-13) with 21 points, and Eddie Jones scored 18.

Michigan (30-4) was aided in the final minutes by a technical call against Temple coach John Chaney. The Owls trailed only 67-62 with 1:49 left when Chaney complained about a call.

That allowed Michigan to pull away with five free throws — one on the technical, two on the call and two more on another play on Michigan's regaining of

possession.

From the first bump of the game — Webber landing hard on his butt on the opening tap — Temple took charge, controlling the ball and the tempo to grab a 35-27 halftime lead.

Webber spent almost as much time sprawled on the floor as he did running in the opening half. And when he wasn't falling, he was getting the ball picked from his hands or he was throwing away passes. Once, he slammed the side of his head on the paint after a scoop lay-up, and moments later he tumbled onto his back when his arm was yanked by little guard Vic Carstarphen.

This game wasn't rough only on the court. The coaches got into the act, verbally.

Michigan coach Steve Fisher complained to officials at halftime that Carstarphen should have been hit with a "flagrant foul," which would have given Webber two free throws and Michigan possession. But while Fisher argued in vain, Chaney shouted at him, "Shut the (blank) up!"

Temple stole the ball eight times in the first half, leading to easy baskets, but its five for 10 shooting on three-pointers made the difference with Michigan going two-for-9 from the same distance.

Jones, Temple's leading scorer through the tournament, was confined to only 11 minutes in the first half after picking up his

second foul with Temple leading 18-17. But that didn't slow Temple, which scored the next six points as forward Derrick Battie and point guard Rick Brunson took over.

Brunson ran Temple's offense much more smoothly than Jalen Rose ran Michigan's in the first half. Brunson seemed to be everywhere, stealing the ball three times, handing off six assists, scoring nine points and setting up Aaron McKie, who scored 13 points in the period.

Webber hit the floor again early in the second half, but now he gave as much as he got, dunking and tapping in offensive rebounds to lead Michigan on a 15-4 run that gave the Wolverines their first lead, 42-41 with 14:23 left.

Michigan pulled ahead 50-44, but Temple's three-point shooting — two Brunson and one by Jones inside a minute — brought the Owls back even after 6-foot-11 center William Cunningham fouled out with 9:15 left.

Temple's defense, so tough in the first half, weakened as Michigan asserted its strength under the boards on both ends. Temple last held the lead 56-55 with 5:47 to go, then Michigan ran off seven points for a 62-56 lead.

More than power alone, it was Michigan's man-to-man defense that also stopped Temple, leaving the Owls without a field goal from 8:11 in the second half to the 1:56 mark.

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finished with 20 points, but the big six came on the overtime three-pointers, which gave the Tar Heels a 74-68 lead with 1:53 to play.

"I didn't get any shots at the end of regulation because they were expecting me to," Williams said. "In the overtime, as soon as I crossed midcourt I could hear Coach yelling 'Knock it down.'"

Smith, the winningest coach in NCAA tournament history with a 53-23 record, has won just one national championship — 1982 in New Orleans, when freshman Michael Jordan hit his famous jumper.

Television replays showed Reese's dunk would have been too late, but referee Jody Silvester said the basket would have counted if it had gone in.

"I probably think it shouldn't have counted," Smith said.

"I really shouldn't talk about that unless you want to pay the fine," Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins said.

Reese was laughing about the play in the locker room.

"It was a set play and I was supposed to tap the ball," he said. "I was so open it threw me off and instead of tapping the ball I caught it, gathered myself, went up and missed the dunk. Everything was happening pretty fast, but I'm surprised I had so much time in eight-tenths of a second."

Cincinnati tied the game 66-66 with 36 seconds to play when Tarrance Gibson went the length of the court with a loose ball after North Carolina was charged with a 45-second shot clock violation.

George Lynch missed a turnaround jumper with two seconds left and the ball went out of bounds to North Carolina, setting up the play that Reese failed to finish.

"I was more impressed with the pass Reese made to Lynch for the lay-up with two seconds left," Smith said. "We got two good looks and couldn't convert."

Cincinnati took a quick lead in overtime, but Lynch tied it and the Bearcats missed their last eight shots from the field, and Williams started hitting his shots.

"The play of the game was when we stopped them defensively with the score tied," Huggins said. "They got an offensive rebound, we had to play defense for another 45 seconds, and then Williams hit the big shot."

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