

# Baylor, Oregon face off in Final Four

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TAMPA, Fla. — Kim Mulkey rejects the notion that being the No. 1 overall seed makes Baylor the team to beat in the women's Final Four.

The Lady Bears (35-1), who are riding a 27-game winning streak and have trounced four opponents in the NCAA Tournament by an average of 38 points, face Final Four newcomer Oregon (33-4) in today's national semifinals (4 p.m. Pacific, ESPN2).

The winner advances to Sunday's championship against either UConn or

Notre Dame.

Mulkey, who's won titles as a player and an assistant coach at Louisiana Tech in addition to guiding Baylor to a pair of NCAA crowns, said it would be a mistake to assume the Lady Bears are clearcut favorites.

"We don't approach it like: 'Oh, wow, we're the No. 1 seed, we're supposed to win.' According to a lot of people, we're not supposed to win," Mulkey said.

"We're going to fight. We're going to claw. We're going to compete. We're going to give it our best shot," she added. "I'm sure the other three teams are



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**Oregon guard Sabrina Ionescu puts up a shot during practice.**

going to do the same thing." Oregon promises as much. Led by All-American

point guard Sabrina Ionescu, the Ducks are in the Final Four for the first time after

upsetting another No. 1 seed, Mississippi State, in the Elite Eight.

"We're honored and humbled to be here, but I think we all know we don't want to go home tomorrow," Ionescu said after practice Thursday at Amalie Arena. "We didn't just come here to enjoy the experience. We came here to win some more basketball games."

Baylor is back in the Final Four for the time since 2012, when it finished a 40-0 season and captured its second national title.

The Lady Bears are led by an imposing frontcourt featuring 6-foot-4 Lauren Cox and 6-7 Kalani Brown and

use their size to dominate on both ends of the floor.

Oregon, meanwhile, plays a contrasting perimeter-oriented style that coach Kelly Graves acknowledged has prompted some people to call the Ducks the Golden State Warriors of women's college basketball.

"Steph Curry gave Sabrina quite a shout out yesterday, I thought that was really cool," Graves said. "You know what, yeah, she's a lot like Steph, how he's a conductor, is always a threat to make a huge play, make those 3-pointers."

Baylor's Caitlin Bickle said "they're calling it new school versus old school."

## WORLD IN BRIEF

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### Congress invokes powers to challenge Trump on war in Yemen

WASHINGTON — Rejecting a plank of President Donald Trump's foreign policy, the House on Thursday invoked never-before-used powers to demand that his administration withdraw support from the Saudi-led war in Yemen. The Senate passed the same resolution in March with bipartisan support.

Trump is expected to issue a veto of the measure, his second as president, and Congress does not have the votes to override him. But the action was nonetheless a milestone for lawmakers, who have shown a renewed willingness to assert their war-making powers after letting them atrophy for decades under presidents from both parties.

Yemen was plunged into a civil war in September 2014, when rebels known as Houthis swept into the capital and overthrew the country's internationally recognized government. The Saudi-led coalition began fighting the rebels months later in a campaign that Saudi Arabia said was aimed at curbing Iranian influence. At the time, the Houthis were allied with forces backed by Iran; in the years that followed, Iran's role in the conflict has grown.

The conflict has been a bloody stalemate for years. Thousands have been killed in Saudi airstrikes on civilian infrastructure, and millions are on the brink of starvation. The war has devastated the economy of Yemen, the Arab world's poorest country. The vast majority of the population cannot afford food to eat.

### Trump drops border shutdown threat and proposes auto tariffs

WASHINGTON — Abandoning his threat to immediately seal the southern border, President Donald Trump warned instead that he'd slap tariffs on cars coming to the U.S. from Mexico unless the Mexicans do more to stop the flow of migrants and drugs to the U.S.

In his latest backtrack in recent days, Trump told reporters Thursday he would try the "less drastic measure" before resorting to his standing border-closure threat.

"Mexico understands that we're going to close the border or I'm going to tariff the cars. I'll do one or the other. And probably start off with the tariffs," Trump said. He added later: "I don't think we'll ever have to close the border because the penalty of tariffs on cars coming into the United States from Mexico, at 25 percent, will be massive."

It was the latest, seemingly sudden

attempt at new leverage by a president struggling to solve what his administration has called a border "crisis." And it was a dramatic departure for Trump, who last week tweeted that he would close the border or large swaths of it this week unless Mexico immediately halted "ALL illegal immigration coming into the United States" — a seemingly impossible task.

### Japan spacecraft drops explosive on asteroid to make crater

TOKYO — Japan's space agency said an explosive dropped today from its Hayabusa2 spacecraft successfully blasted the surface of an asteroid for the first time to form a crater and pave the way for the collection of underground samples for possible clues to the origin of the solar system.

Today's mission was the riskiest for Hayabusa2 because it had to immediately move away so it wouldn't get hit by flying shards from the blast.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA, said Hayabusa2 dropped a small explosive box which sent a copper ball the size of a baseball slamming into the asteroid, and that data confirmed the spacecraft had safely evacuated and remained intact. JAXA later confirmed the impact from images transmitted from a camera left

behind by the spacecraft which showed the impactor being released and fine particles later spraying dozens of yards out from a spot on the asteroid.

JAXA plans to send Hayabusa2, which was moved to the other side of the asteroid, back to the site after dust and debris settle for observations and to collect samples of material from the new crater that was unexposed to the sun or space rays. Scientists hope the samples will help them understand the history of the solar system, since asteroids are leftover material from its formation.

### Suspect held in 4 slayings at North Dakota business

MANDAN, N.D. — Police following evidence from surveillance video arrested a 44-year-old man Thursday in the slayings of four people at a property management business, just days after the discovery of their bodies shook a North Dakota town.

Mandan Police Chief Jason Ziegler said investigators don't yet have a motive, but the suspect lived on property managed by the company, RJR Maintenance and Management.

Ziegler said the suspect lived in Washburn, a town about 35 miles north of Mandan, and was arrested without incident. He had not been formally charged but was being held on suspicion of four counts of felony murder.



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Eric was born and raised in Fosston, Minnesota the youngest of seven children. Being 100% Norwegian, Eric is very familiar with our local Scandinavian heritage. Eric attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota before graduating from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor's Science Degree in Mortuary Science. Soon after graduating from college, Eric moved to Eugene, OR and worked in the funeral business 18 years.

Eric is the proud father of three children, Drew, Isabella and Olivia. Eric enjoys the outdoors, golfing, fishing, hunting and camping. Eric's experience with midwestern traditions and west coast experience is a great addition to the community. Hughes-Ransom will always remain a family centered business and continues to offer the same great service you've come to expect.

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