

Men's College Basketball

Middle Tennessee beats Michigan State, busts brackets

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The NCAA Tournament Friday saw its first true bracket-buster.

No. 15-seed Middle Tennessee State knocked off No. 2-seed Michigan State, which was a trendy pick to win it all. The Blue Raiders became the eighth No. 15 seed to knock off a No. 2 since seeding began in 1985.

It was a great day for the underdog, as No. 14-seed Stephen F. Austin beat No. 3-seed West Virginia, making it a tough two days for the Big 12, after No. 12-seed Yale eliminated No. 5 Baylor on Thursday.

And the buzzer-beating Northern Iowa Panthers did it again to knock out yet another Big 12 team. A half-court shot downed Texas. At almost the same time, Cincinnati looked like it had dunked its way into overtime against Saint Joseph's, but the shot was a hair too late.

And it's just Day 2.

MIDWEST REGION

NO. 15 MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 90, NO. 2 MICHIGAN STATE 81 — At St. Louis, Middle Tennessee State sent the biggest shock yet through the NCAA Tournament on Friday, topping Michigan State in the first round.

Reggie Upshaw scored 21 points to lead the balanced Blue Raiders (25-9), who shut down player-of-the-year candidate Denzel Valentine. Middle Tennessee never trailed the Spartans (29-6) in one of the biggest upsets since the tournament began seeding teams in 1985.

It was the eighth time a No. 2 seed beat a No. 15, and first since Florida Gulf Coast beat Georgetown in 2013. The Eagles went on to reach the Sweet 16.

The Blue Raiders will try to do the same against No. 10 seed Syracuse on Sunday.

Matt Costello matched a career-best with 22 points for the Spartans, but it wasn't enough to offset Valentine's miserable afternoon. The senior had 13 points and 12 assists, but he also had six turnovers — one of them coming with the Spartans trailing 79-76 and less than three minutes to go.

NO. 10 SYRACUSE 70, NO. 7 DAYTON 51 — At St. Louis, Malachi Richardson scored 21 points, Syracuse stumped Dayton with its trademark zone and the Orange rolled to a victory in their return to the NCAA Tournament.

Tyler Roberson added 10 points and 18 rebounds for the Orange (19-13), banned from the field last season following an NCAA investigation into academic misconduct and improper benefits.

They looked back at home in the first round of the Midwest Regional.

Tyler Lydon had 14 points, Trevor Cooney had 13 and

Michael Gbinije added 10.

Charles Cooke led the Flyers (25-8) with 14 points, but he was just 2 of 9 from beyond the arc, as the regular-season Atlantic 10 champions shot 32 percent from the field.

NO. 2 OKLAHOMA 82, NO. 15 CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD 68 — At Oklahoma City, Buddy Hield scored 27 points to help Oklahoma defeat Cal State Bakersfield.

The senior guard made 8 pf 14 shots, including 3 of 6 3-pointers.

Isaiah Cousins scored 16 points and Jordan Woodard added 15 for the Sooners (26-7), who made 11 of 20 3-pointers and shot 50 percent overall.

Oklahoma enjoyed a homecourt advantage at Chesapeake Energy Arena, just a half hour's drive north of their Norman campus. The Sooners advanced to play No. 10 seed Virginia Commonwealth, which defeated Oregon State 75-67 earlier in the day.

Aly Ahmed had 16 points and eight rebounds, Kevin Mays had 14 points and eight rebounds and Dedrick Basile added 13 points for Bakersfield (24-9), the Western Athletic Conference Tournament champions.

The Sooners won, despite making just 15 of 25 free throws.

SOUTH REGION

NO. 13 HAWAII 77, NO. 4 CALIFORNIA 66 — At Spokane, Wash., Hawaii won its first NCAA Tournament game in school history, when the Warriors ended California's tumultuous week with an upset victory.

The Golden Bears' played without popular assistant coach Yann Hufnagel, dismissed amid allegations of sexual harassment, and the loss of leading scorer Tyrone Wallace, who broke his hand Wednesday in practice. As if the Bears (23-11) needed more obstacles, guard Jabari Bird had back spasms during warmups and never played.

Quincy Smith scored a career-high 19 points, Roderick Bobbitt had 17 points and Stefan Jankovic 16 for the champions of the Big West Conference regular season and tournament. Hawaii (28-5) used a strong first half from Jankovic to lead by as many as 11, then withstood Jankovic's foul trouble in the second half thanks largely to Smith.

Smith scored 11 points in the second half and keyed Hawaii's surge midway through after California had pulled within one.

Jordan Mathews led California with 23 points. The Bears play No. 5 seed Maryland on Sunday.

NO. 5 MARYLAND 79, NO. 12 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 74 — At Spokane, Wash., Maryland needed a turnover in the closing



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

Middle Tennessee's Reggie Upshaw gets past Michigan State's Eron Harris to dunk the ball during the second half of a first-round men's college basketball game in the NCAA Tournament, Friday, March 18, 2016, in St. Louis. Middle Tennessee won 90-81.

seconds to ensure it would avoid a place with all the other top seeds that lost in the first round of this topsy-turvy NCAA Tournament, holding off South Dakota State behind a career-high 27 points from Jake Layman.

Deondre Parks fumbled a pass from Keaton Moffitt for the 12th-seeded Jackrabbits (26-8) and Rasheed Sulaimon picked up the ball and stuffed it for the final score. South Dakota State was seeking its first victory in the NCAA Tournament, but was undone by cold shooting in the first half.

Melo Trimble added 19 points and Jared Nickens 14 for fifth-seeded Maryland (26-8), which made 51 percent of its shots, including nine 3-pointers.

Parks scored 22 points for the Jackrabbits.

NO. 7 IOWA 72, NO. 10 TEMPLE 70 — At New York, dam Woodberry put back a missed shot at the overtime buzzer to give Iowa a victory over Temple.

With the game tied at 70, Mike Gesell worked his way to the baseline and put up about a 10-foot jumper that missed the rim and went right to Woodberry, who put it in as the red lights around the backboard lit up.

Iowa (22-10) will play second-seeded Villanova in the second round on Sunday.

The Hawkeyes got the chance at the game-winner when Daniel Dingle of Temple, who played just 6 minutes and was in the game because Devin Coleman had fouled out a minute earlier, missed the front end of a 1-and-1.

Jarrod Uthoff led Iowa with 23 points, while Peter Jok had 16 and Woodberry finished with 10.

Quenton DeCosey, who

made three free throws with 2.1 seconds left in regulation to tie the game, had 26 points for the Owls (21-12).

NO. 2 VILLANOVA 86, UNC ASHEVILLE 56 — At New York, Ryan Arcidiacono scored 14 points, including a buzzer-beating 3 at the end of the first half, and Daniel Ochefu had 17 points inside as Villanova beat UNC Asheville to roll into the second round.

The Wildcats (30-5) are looking to reach the second weekend of the tournament for the first time since their 2009 Final Four run.

Dylan Smith led 15th-seeded UNC Asheville (22-12) with 14 points as the Big South champions bowed out quietly.

Kris Jenkins scored 12 and Jalen Brunson had 10 points for the Villanova, which spent three weeks at No. 1 this season but is under pressure to return to the Sweet 16.

EAST REGION

NO. 14 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 70, NO. 3 WEST VIRGINIA 56 — At New York, Thomas Walkup scored 33 points and Stephen F. Austin faced down West Virginia's full-court pressure with some of its own in-your-face defense, pulling off a rugged first-round upset of the Mountaineers.

The Lumberjacks (28-5) ran the nation's longest winning streak to 21 games and will face six seed Notre Dame on Sunday in the second round.

The Mountaineers (26-9) and Lumberjacks played physical, chest-to-chest defense, contesting not just every shot, but every pass. Neither team shot better than 31 percent.

Walkup, the two-time Southland Conference player of the year, took it to the teeth of West Virginia's defense and went to the line 20 times. He made 19, including two to make it 60-47 with 5:15 left in the second after West Virginia coach Bob Huggins' griping to officials drew a technical on the Mountaineers.

NO. 6 NOTRE DAME 70, NO. 11 MICHIGAN 63 — At New York, V.J. Beacham scored 18 points, including the 3-pointer that gave Notre Dame the lead for good, and the Fighting Irish beat Michigan.

The Fighting Irish (22-11) didn't take a lead in the game until Beacham's 3 with 9:26 left to make it 51-48. From there on there were five lead changes and three ties.

Michigan (23-13) controlled the first half, taking a 41-29 lead. Notre Dame scored the first eight points of the second half, a run that included 3-pointers by Vasturia and Matt Farrell, matching the team's total of the first half. It brought the Fighting Irish within 41-37.

Beacham's 3 with 4:24 left gave Notre Dame a 62-59 lead, one they never gave up.

Michigan beat Tulsa 67-62 on Wednesday in the First Four. Wichita State, the other 11th seed to win a First Four game, advanced to the second round with a victory over Arizona.

NO. 7 WISCONSIN 47, NO. 10 PITTSBURGH 43 — At St. Louis, Ethan Happ had 15 points and nine rebounds, none bigger than one he pulled down in the closing seconds, as Wisconsin beat No. 10 seed Pittsburgh.

Nigel Hayes had 12 points and Vitto Brown scored 11 for the Badgers (21-12), who advanced despite an awful shooting night. Hayes was just 3 for 17 from the field, Bronson Koenig failed to hit a 3-pointer for the first time in 44 games and the Badgers finished 4 of 19 from beyond the arc.

It was still enough to knock off the equally cold-shooting Panthers.

Jamel Artis had 13 points to lead Pittsburgh (21-12), which started the season 14-1 before struggling when it hit ACC play. Leading scorer Michael Young was held to six points and five rebounds.

Wisconsin will play No. 2 seed Xavier on Sunday for a spot in the Sweet 16.

NO. 2 XAVIER 71, NO. 15 WEBER STATE 53 — At St. Louis, James Farr had 18 points and 15 rebounds, fellow big man Jalen Reynolds added 12 points and Xavier pulled away late for a victory over pesky Weber State.

Remy Abell added 11 points and Trevon Bluiett had 10 for the Musketeers (28-5), who never trailed the Big Sky Tournament champs.

Weber State (26-9)

was within 54-47 midway through the second half when Farr and Reynolds, both of them heftier than anybody on the Wildcats' bench, began to impose their will. The managed to power right through Weber State's back line for easy buckets, allowing the Musketeers to slowly draw away.

Joel Bolomboy finished with 14 points for the Wildcats. McKay Cannon had 10.

WEST REGION

NO. 8 SAINT JOSEPH'S 78, NO. 8 CINCINNATI 76 — At Spokane, Wash., Isaiah Miles sank a 3-pointer with 9 seconds and a dunk at the buzzer by Cincinnati was waved off to lift Saint Joseph's to a win over the Bearcats.

Octavius Ellis appeared to tie the game with his dunk as time expired, but officials after a lengthy review determined that the shot came too late.

DeAndre Bemby scored 23 points and Miles finished with 19 to lead eighth-seeded Saint Joseph's (28-7). Twenty of Bemby's points were in the first half.

Jacob Evans scored 26 points to lead ninth-seeded Cincinnati (22-11).

NO. 3 TEXAS A&M 92, NO. 14 GREEN BAY 65 — At Oklahoma City, Danuel House scored 20 points as Texas A&M pulled away in the second half to win its first NCAA Tournament game since 2010 with a first-round victory over Green Bay.

The third-seeded Aggies (27-8) trailed by as many as eight points in the first half before using a 26-9 first-half run to take control on the way to a comfortable victory.

House was 8 of 12 from the field and hit a pair of 3-pointers for Texas A&M, which shot 56.1 percent (32 of 57) in the win.

Khalil Small scored a career-high 22 points to lead the Horizon League Tournament champion Phoenix (23-13), who were making their first tournament appearance in 20 years.

Texas A&M plays No. 11 Northern Iowa on Sunday.

NO. 11 NORTHERN IOWA 75, NO. 6 TEXAS 72 — At Oklahoma City, Paul Jespersen banked in a halfcourt shot at the buzzer to give Northern Iowa a win over Texas.

Northern Iowa passed the ball in under its basket after Isaiah Taylor tied the game on a layup with 2.7 seconds to play. Jespersen caught the ball, took a few dribbles and heaved.

Wes Washpun scored 17 points, Jeremy Morgan scored 16 and Jespersen added 14 for the Panthers (23-12), who claimed their fifth NCAA Tournament win in school history.

Taylor scored 22 points, Eric Davis Jr. scored 13 and Javan Felix added 12 for the Longhorns (20-13).

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL	
Today	Weston-McEwen at Dayton (WA), 2 p.m.
Monday	Pilot Rock vs. Elgin (DH), 11 a.m.
	Pendleton vs. Roseburg (DH), Noon
Tuesday	Stanfield at Riverside Tournament, 10 a.m.
	Irrigon vs. TBD, Noon
	Riverside vs. TBD, 12:30 p.m.
	Weston-McEwen at Riverside Tournament, 1:30 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL	
Today	Solo at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m.
	Weston-McEwen vs. Enterprise (at Pilot Rock), 1 p.m.
Monday	Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.
	Mac-Hi vs. Sisters (at Bend), 11:30 a.m.
	Pendleton vs. Century (at Putnam), Noon
	Pendleton vs. Oregon City (at Putnam), 4 p.m.
	Mac-Hi vs. Scappoose (at Bend), 4:30 p.m.
	Hermiston at Putnam Spring Break Bash, TBD
Tuesday	Riverside vs. Toledo, 10 a.m.
	Irrigon vs. Willamina, 10 a.m.
	Mac-Hi vs. Crook County (at Bend), 11:30 a.m.
	Pendleton vs. Central Cath. (at Putnam), Noon
	Riverside vs. Willamina, 1 p.m.
	Pendleton at Rex Putnam, 2 p.m.
	Weston-McEwen vs. Touchet (DH), 3 p.m.
	Irrigon vs. Burns, 3:30 p.m.
	Mac-Hi vs. Madras (at Bend), 4:30 p.m.
	Hermiston at Putnam Spring Break Bash, TBD
	Echo at Riverside, TBD
PRE TENNIS	
Today	Hermiston boys at AC Davis (WA), 3:30 p.m.
Monday	Umatilla vs. Riverside, 4 p.m.
PREP GOLF	
Today	Pendleton, Hermiston boys at The Dalles, 10 a.m.
Monday	Hermiston boys at Sunnyside (WA), 10 a.m.
	Hermiston girls at Portland GC, Noon
PREP RUGBY	

Today	Valley Rams at EO Sasquatch, 1:30 p.m.
PREP LACROSSE	
Today	Selah at Hermiston, 1 p.m.
Tuesday	Hermiston at Central Valley (WA), 5:30 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
Today	PBA at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
Sunday	Olympic at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
Today	Spokane at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Basketball	
NCAA Tournament	
First Round	
Friday	
EAST REGIONAL	
WISCONSIN 47, Pittsburgh 56	
Stephen F. Austin 70, West Virginia 56	
Xavier 71, Weber State 53	
Notre Dame 70, Michigan 63	
SOUTH REGIONAL	
Villanova 86, UNC Asheville 56	
Hawaii 77, California 66	
Iowa 72, Temple 70	
Maryland 79, South Dakota 74	
MIDWEST REGIONAL	
Syracuse 70, Dayton 51	
Middle Tennessee 50, Michigan 81	
WEST REGIONAL	
VCU 75, Oregon State 67	
Oklahoma 82, CSU Bakersfield 68	
Texas A&M 92, Green Bay 65	
Oregon 91, Holy Cross 52	
Northern Iowa 75, Texas 72	
St. Joseph's 78, Cincinnati 76	
Second Round	
Today	
SOUTH REGION	
Wichita State vs. Miami, 9:10 a.m. (CBS)	
Connecticut vs. Kansas, 4:45 p.m. (CBS)	
WEST REGION	
Yale vs. Duke, 11:40 a.m. (CBS)	
EAST REGION	
Indiana vs. Kentucky, 2:15 p.m. (CBS)	
Providence vs. North Carolina, 6:40 p.m. (TBS)	
MIDWEST REGION	
Arkansas-Little Rock vs. Iowa 31, 3:10 p.m. (TNT)	
Butler vs. Virginia, 4:10 p.m. (TBS)	
Gonzaga vs. Utah, 5:40 p.m. (TNT)	

(24-4), 1 p.m.

NCAA Women's Tournament				
First Round				
Friday				
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL				
Michigan State 74, Belmont 60				
Mississippi State 60, Chattanooga 50				
DALLAS REGIONAL				
Baylor 89, Idaho 59				
Auburn 68, St. John's 57				
At Louisville, Ky.				
DePaul 97, James Madison 67				
Louisville 87, Central Arkansas 60				
Oregon State 73, Troy 31				
St. Bonaventure 65, Oklahoma State 54				
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL				
Kansas State 56, George Washington 51				
South Carolina 77, Jacksonville 41				
Albany (NY) 61, Florida 59				
Syracuse 73, Army 56				
West Virginia 74, Princeton 65				
Ohio State 88, Buffalo 69				
Tennessee 59, Green Bay 53				
Arizona State 79, New Mexico State 52				
Today				
First Round				
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL				
UConn (32-0), vs. Robert Morris (20-12), 8 a.m.				
Seton Hall (23-8) vs. Duquesne (27-5), 10:30 a.m.				
At Los Angeles				
UCLA (24-8) vs. Hawaii (21-10), 3:30 p.m.				
South Florida (23-8) vs. Colorado State (31-1), 6 p.m.				
At Austin, Texas				
BYU (26-6) vs. Missouri (21-9), 3:30 p.m.				
Texas (28-4) vs. Alabama State (19-11), 6 p.m.				
DALLAS REGIONAL				
At College Station, Texas				
Florida State (23-7) vs. Middle Tennessee (24-8), 1:30 p.m.				
Texas A&M (21-9) vs. Missouri State (24-9), 4 p.m.				
LEXINGTON REGIONAL				
At South Bend, Ind.				
Notre Dame (31-1) vs. North Carolina A&T (19-11), 3:30 p.m.				
Georgia (21-9) vs. Indiana (20-11), 6 p.m.				
At Stanford, Calif.				
Miami (24-8) vs. South Dakota State (26-0), 3:30 p.m.				
Stanford (24-7) vs. San Francisco (22-11), 6 p.m.				
At Lexington, Ky.				
Oklahoma (21-10) vs. Purdue (20-11), 10:30 a.m.				
Kentucky (23-7) vs. UNC Asheville (26-6), 1 p.m.				
At College Park, Md.				
Maryland (30-3) vs. Iona (23-11), 10:30 a.m.				
Washington (22-10) vs. Pennsylvania				

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	47	21	.691	—
Boston	39	30	.565	8½
New York	28	41	.406	19½
Brooklyn	19	49	.279	28
Philadelphia	9	60	.130	38½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	40	29	.580	—
Miami	39	29	.574	½
Charlotte	39	29	.574	½
Washington	33	35	.485	6½
Orlando	29	39	.426	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	49	19	.721	—
Indiana	36	32	.529	13
Chicago	34	33	.507	14½
Detroit	35	34	.507	14½
Milwaukee	30	39	.435	19½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	58	10	.853	—
Memphis	39	30	.565	19½
Houston	35	34	.507	23½
Dallas	34	35	.493	24½
New Orleans	25	43	.368	33
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	47	22	.681	—
Portland	36	34	.514	11½
Utah	33	35	.485	13½
Denver	28	41	.406	19
Minnesota	22	47	.319	25
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	62	6	.912	—
L.A. Clippers	43	24	.642	18½
Sacramento	26	42	.382	36
Phoenix	18	50	.265	44
L.A. Lakers	14	54	.206	48
x-clinched playoff spot				
y-clinched division				
Friday's Games				
Oklahoma City 111, Philadelphia 97				
Cleveland 109, Orlando 103				
Toronto 105, Boston 91				
Detroit 115, Sacramento 108				
Portland 117, New Orleans 112				
Houston 116, Minnesota 111				
Golden State 130, Dallas 112				
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.				
Today's Games				
Denver at Charlotte, 3 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at Indiana, 4 p.m.				
Brooklyn at Detroit, 4 p.m.				

New York at Washington, 4 p.m.
 Cleveland at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
 Houston at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
 Utah at Chicago, 5 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 5 p.m.
 Golden State at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	71	40	22	9	89	202	172
Boston	72	39	25	8	86	215	195
Tampa Bay	71	40	26	5	85	194	171
Detroit	71	35	25	11	81	179	187
Ottawa	72	33	31	8	74	206	223
Montreal	71	33	32	6	72	191	200
Buffalo	72	29	33	10	68	172	194
Toronto	70	24	35	11	59	165	206

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Washington	70	51	14	5	107	225	162
N.Y. Rangers	71	40	23	8	88	202	186
N.Y. Islanders	69	38	22	9	85	196	174
Pittsburgh	70	38	24	8	84	194	176
Philadelphia	69	34	23	12	80	181	185
New Jersey	71	34	30	7	75	161	182
Carolina	71	31	27	13	75	173	192
Columbus	70	28	34	8	64	181	218

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	72	42	21	9	93	233	211
St. Louis	72	41	22	9	91	191	185
Chicago	72	42	24	6	90	201	178
Nashville	72	36	23	13	85	197	185
Colorado	72	37	31	4	78	195	202
Minnesota	71	32	28	11	75	188	182
Winnipeg	71	29	37	5	63	182	213

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	70	43	22	5	91	194	169
Anaheim	70	39	22	9	87	179	162
San Jose	70	39	25	6	84	207	184
Arizona	70	31	32	7	69	188	212
Vancouver	70	27	31	12	66	167	202
Calgary	71	30	35	6	66	196	222
Edmonton	74	29	38	7	65	179	216

Friday's Games

Colorado 4, Calgary 3, SO

Buffalo 3, Ottawa 1

Washington 4, Nashville 1

Chicago 4, Winnipeg 0

Edmonton 2, Vancouver 0

Anaheim 4, Boston 0

Today's Games

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.

Carolina at Minnesota, 11 a.m.

N.Y. Rangers at San Jose, 1 p.m.

Buffalo at Toronto, 4 p.m.