

Men's College Basketball

Syracuse edges Gonzaga with late heroics

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CHICAGO — Michael Gbinije made a go-ahead layup with 22 seconds left, sending Syracuse to a 63-60 victory over Gonzaga on Friday night and a spot in the Elite Eight.

Tyler Lydon sealed the win with a block on Josh Perkins' runner in the final seconds. Lydon then grabbed the ball and made two foul shots before Domantas Sabonis' desperate fling was well off at the buzzer.

Gbinije scored 20 points and Trevor Cooney had 15 as Syracuse (22-13) advanced to the regional final for the first time since 2013. The 10th-seeded Orange will face No. 1 Virginia on Sunday in an all-ACC matchup with a spot in the Final Four on the line.

"I'm proud of this team," Syracuse coach Jim Boenheim said. "They played their hearts out. We've been the underdog every game and they fight their way through it. We'll be the underdog again on Sunday but we'll be ready."

Kyle Wiltjer had 23 points for No. 11 Gonzaga (28-8), and Sabonis finished with 19 points, 17 rebounds and five blocked shots. The rest of the Bulldogs accounted for just 18 points.

Gonzaga looked as if it was heading to the final eight for the second straight season before Syracuse switched to full-court pressure late in the second half. The Bulldogs held the Orange to 36.1 percent shooting, but committed 17 turnovers and Syracuse took advantage down the stretch.

Sabonis' rebound basket gave the Bulldogs a 57-48 lead with 6:24 to play, but it was their last field goal of the night. Tyler Roberson's foul shot got Syracuse within one before Gonzaga gave it right back with a 10-second violation. Lydon also had a key block on Sabonis to help



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Gonzaga's Josh Perkins (13) walks off the court as Syracuse players celebrate after a college basketball game against Syracuse in the regional semifinals of the NCAA Tournament, Friday, March 25, 2016, in Chicago. Syracuse won 63-60.

keep it a one-point game. Gbinije drove inside in the final 30 seconds and missed his first attempt before grabbing the rebound and putting it in for a 61-60 lead. Cooney then had a hustle steal on the other end, but stepped out of bounds in a close call that had fans looking for TV monitors all over the arena to see if they agreed.

With the crowd standing on its feet, Perkins drove into the lane and Lydon stepped up for the block before grabbing the ball and getting fouled with 1.6 second left. The freshman forward swatted six shots in all.

Tyler Roberson finished with nine points and 12 rebounds for Syracuse, which entered the tournament on a 1-5 slide.

Wiltjer made his first four shots, including three 3-pointers, as Gonzaga led by as many as 11 in the first half at 21-10 with 10:16 left. But the Orange fine-tuned

their zone a bit and the Bulldogs began to struggle on the offensive side, managing just four more field goals before the break.

Roberson made two foul shots and got loose for a dunk in the final minutes as Syracuse closed to 29-28 at halftime. The Bulldogs had 10 turnovers at the break, but the Orange shot just 31 percent (9 for 29) from the field in the first half.

The drought continued for Gonzaga out of the locker room, and Gbinije's jumper lifted Syracuse to a 34-29 lead. Sabonis' jump hook with 16:04 left was the Bulldogs' first basket in six minutes of game time.

MIDWEST REGION
VIRGINIA 84, IOWA STATE 71 — At Chicago, Anthony Gill finished with a season-high 23 points, Mike Tobey came off the bench to score 18, and top-seeded Virginia beat Iowa State 84-71 in the Midwest Region

semifinals on Friday night. The Cavaliers (29-7) withstood a second-half push by the fourth-seeded Cyclones (23-12) after grabbing a big lead in the early going and advanced to their first regional final since 1995.

Virginia will face Syracuse or Gonzaga on Sunday. A win would send the Cavaliers to their first Final Four since 1984, when coach Tony Bennett was a teenager.

Georges Niang had another big game for Iowa State, finishing with 30 points after scoring 28 against both Iona and Arkansas-Little Rock in the first two rounds. But an up-and-down first season under coach Steve Prohm ended on a disappointing note.

With a chance to go farther than they ever did under predecessor Fred Hoiberg, the Cyclones never could recover from a flat start.



Wisconsin's Jordan Hill, right, puts a hand to the face of Notre Dame's V.J. Beachem, center, while shooting, as Zach Auguste watches in the regional semifinals of the men's NCAA Tournament Friday in Philadelphia.

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EAST REGION
NORTH CAROLINA 101, INDIANA 86 — At Philadelphia, Marcus Paige scored 21 points and North Carolina continued its offensive prowess, moving to the Elite Eight for the 20th time since 1975 with a 101-86 victory over Indiana on Friday night in the East Regional.

The top-seeded Tar Heels (31-6) will meet sixth-seeded Notre Dame on Sunday, determining one of two guaranteed Atlantic Coast Conference spots in the Final Four. The Fighting Irish beat Wisconsin 61-56 on Friday.

It will be the same case in the Midwest Regional, where top-seeded Virginia will face 10th-seeded Syracuse, meaning at least half the Final Four will be from the ACC. The conference will also have a team play for the national title.

Brice Johnson had 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Tar Heels, who are in the regional final for the seventh time in coach Roy Williams' 12 years and for the first time since 2012.

Yogi Ferrell had 25 points to lead Indiana (27-8).

NOTRE DAME 61, WISCONSIN 56 — At Philadelphia, Demetrius Jackson stripped the ball and scored the go-ahead layup with 14.7 seconds left and Notre Dame advanced to the brink of its first Final Four in 38 years with a 61-56 win over Wisconsin on Friday night in the East Region semifinal of the NCAA Tournament.

Jackson sealed the win with a pair of free throws to send the Irish (24-11) into a regional final for the second straight season.

Notre Dame lost to Kentucky a year ago. This year, the Irish will get a shot at top-seeded North Carolina or Indiana on Sunday.

Vitto Brown's 3-pointer with 26 seconds left put the Badgers (22-13) up 56-53 and kept Wisconsin's shot at a third straight Final Four alive.

But the Irish shook off a miserable shooting game down the stretch and have their first Final Four since 1978 in sight.

PIONEERS: Priorities a concern for Michaud

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our guys. He worked well and had a good tempo."

Mac-Hi starter Bailey DeBord had to settle for moral victories after Orofino jumped out to a 6-0 lead after one inning. Michaud said he was happy with the way DeBord handled the setback and came out stronger in the second inning.

"It was a combination of us not playing defense and him being up in the zone, being a little wild to start the game," Michaud said of the

first inning. "He came into the dugout and I said, 'Hey, this is a challenge for you right here, keep us in the game.'"

"And he went out and gave up one run (in the second), and that's a win for us because that's like getting punched in the face one round, and then you go back out and have a good round. That was good to see, I was happy to see him respond the way he did."

Jesus Vela and Justin Carlson gave up a combined four runs in relief.

Michaud said that while his team didn't give Orofino much of a challenge Friday, he couldn't fault the players on the field.

"Right now it's just, they're young kids and they're just getting their feet wet," he said.

Part of the reason the Pioneers went with such a young lineup was the absence of players who chose vacation over baseball for their spring break.

"Until we can create a culture that being here for baseball is more important

than going on spring break, it's going to be a challenge," Michaud said. "Not only did Orofino find players that wanted to play, but they found ones that wanted to travel (for baseball) on their spring break, and that's what we're trying to get."

The Pioneers won't play again until April 5 when they're at Elgin at 4 p.m.

OHS	610	103	—	R	H	E
M-H	000000	—	11	7	2	2
H. Wilson and T. Burke, B. DeBord, J. Vela (3), J. Carlson (6) and R. Esparza. W — Wilson. L — DeBord.						
2B — K. Brink (OHS); J. Carlson (M-H).						
3B — T. Howard, J. Shively (OHS).						

BUCKS: Jerome gets 2 hits, 3 RBI during rally

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Correa reached third on an error and scored on a wild pitch. Morris hit a sac fly to drive in Austin Zaugg for the second run.

Then with Quinn going strong in an eight-strikeout, two walk performance on the mound, Pendleton added eight runs in the fourth inning during a five-hit rally. The first eight batters reached safely and five runs scored before Jerome's first out of the frame.

Shaw Jerome (2 for 3) drove in runs on both at-bats during the streak with an RBI triple, then a two-RBI double. Quinn (1 for 2) added a two-RBI

double.

After Jerome scored once off reliever Zaugg (1 hit, 1 walk) in the top of the fifth, Hayden Villers drove in Caleb Carey to enact the mercy rule in the bottom half.

Pendleton will finish tournament play today against Canyon Ridge (ID) at 10:30 a.m.

PHS	000	100	0	—	R	H	E
SHS	000000	0	—	1	6	0	2
J. Bradt, J. Peterson (5) and Q. Cookburn. C. Mecham and catcher. W — Bradt. L — Mecham.							
2B — K. Quinn (PHS).							

JHS	100	01	—	R	H	E
PHS	120	81	—	2	3	4
Harrison, Gardner (3), Cryer (4) and catcher. K. Quinn, A. Zaugg (5) and R. Russell. W — Quinn. L — Harrison.						
2B — Hurtado, Craig (JHS); K. Quinn, S. Jerome (PHS). 3B — S. Jerome (PHS).						

HERMISTON: Almaguer, Betz combine for shutouts

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after the wayward pitch took a sharp bounce off the unforgiving backstop. Another time, Hermiston moved a runner from first to third on a single bunt, trading two bases for one out.

"We were aggressive, always looking for the next bag," Greenough said. "And when they saw (the open bag) they took it."

The runs didn't pour in right away, but Hermiston was patient and showed it at the plate by striking out just once in the two games combined.

"They were taking the first at-bats for what they were and made adjustments in their second at-bats," Greenough said. "You'd love to jump on teams early, but they were learning and making adjustments."

The Bulldogs broke through late in Game 1, scoring two in the fourth, three in the fifth and four in the seventh.

Rebecca Englebrecht and Julissa Almaguer tripled, and Almaguer struck out four and walked

two in five innings in the circle to earn the win. Taylor Betz closed the door, tossing two innings with two punchouts.

Hermiston was clearly more comfortable at the plate in the nightcap, and scored eight runs in the second inning. Four of Hermiston's six hits were for extra bases. Almaguer, Englebrecht and Jaime Hinkley each doubled, and Amanda Baron tripled. Hinkley also stole three bases, giving her a total of four on the day.

"The girls were always in control," Greenough said. "It was great to see."

Betz tossed all five innings of shutout ball on two hits while striking out four and walking two.

Hermiston hosts Summit for one at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

Game 1	HHS	100231	4	—	R	H	E
PHS	000000	0	—	11	12	1	
J. Almaguer, T. Betz (6), J. Hinkley, Carpenter, Bodnar. W — Almaguer. L — Carpenter.							
3B — R. Englebrecht, J. Almaguer (HHS).							

Game 2	HHS	281	22	—	R	H	E
PHS	000	00	—	15	6	0	
T. Betz, J. Hinkley, Lopez, Carpenter (3), Stark. W — Betz. L — Lopez.							
2B — J. Almaguer, R. Englebrecht, J. Hinkley (HHS). 3B — A. Baron (HHS).							

Local slate	
PREP BASEBALL	
Saturday	Pendleton vs. Canyon Ridge (at Boise, Idaho), 10:30 a.m.
Monday	Riverside at Irrigon, 4 p.m. Echo at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Pendleton vs. La Grande, 4 p.m. Umatilla vs. Sherman, 4 p.m. Stanfield vs. Kennedy (at The Dalles), 4:30 p.m. Pilot Rock at Heppner, 4:30 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL	
Saturday	Twin Falls at Mac-Hi, 9:45 a.m. North Douglas vs. Pilot Rock (at Union), 10 a.m. Estacada at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m. Colton vs. Pilot Rock (at Union), 3:30 p.m.
Monday	Riverside at Irrigon, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Hermiston vs. Summit, 4 p.m. Umatilla vs. Walla Walla, 4 p.m. Pendleton vs. La Grande, 4:30 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD	
Tuesday	Hermiston at Hood River, 4 p.m.
PREP GOLF	
Tuesday	Heppner at Pumpkin Ridge GC, Noon Mac-Hi at Veterans Memorial GC, 2:30 p.m.
PREP TENNIS	
Tuesday	Pendleton vs. Baker, 4 p.m. Mac-Hi girls vs. The Dalles, 4 p.m. Ione at Riverside, 4 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 4 p.m. Helix at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.
PREP LACROSSE	
Saturday	Mt. Spokane at Hermiston, 3 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
Saturday	Grays Harbor at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
Sunday	Linn-Benton at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
Saturday	Corban at Eastern Oregon (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m. Edmonds at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Prep scores	
BASEBALL	
Friday	Hermiston 3, Kamiakin (WA) 0 Kennewick (WA) 15, Hermiston 5 (5 innings)
SOFTBALL	
Friday	Pilot Rock 14, Bonanza 1 (5 innings)
Basketball	
NCAA	

SCOREBOARD	
Men's Tournament	
EAST REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
Friday	Notre Dame 61, Wisconsin 56 North Carolina 101, Indiana 86
Regional Championship	
Sunday	Notre Dame (24-11) vs. North Carolina (31-6), 5:49 p.m.
SOUTH REGIONAL	
Regional Championship	
Saturday	Villanova (32-5) vs. Kansas (33-4), 5:49 p.m.
MIDWEST REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
Friday	Virginia 84, Iowa State 71 Syracuse 63, Gonzaga 60
Regional Championship	
Sunday	Virginia (29-7) vs. Syracuse (22-13), 3:09 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL	
Regional Championship	
Saturday	Oklahoma (28-7) vs. Oregon (31-6), 3:09 p.m.
Women's Tournament	
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
Saturday	UConn (34-0) vs. Mississippi State (28-7), 8:30 a.m.
Sunday	UCLA (26-8) vs. Texas (30-4), 11 a.m.
Regional Championship	
Monday	Semifinal winners, TBA
DALLAS REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
Saturday	Baylor (35-1) vs. Florida State (25-7), 1 p.m. DePaul (27-8) vs. Oregon State (30-4), 3:30 p.m.
Regional Championship	
Monday	Semifinal winners, TBA
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
Friday	Syracuse 80, South Carolina 72 Tennessee 78, Ohio State 62
Regional Championship	
Sunday	Syracuse (28-7) vs. Tennessee (22-13), 12:30 p.m.
LEXINGTON REGIONAL	
Regional Semifinals	
Friday	Washington 85, Kentucky 72 Stanford 90, Notre Dame 84
Regional Championship	
Sunday	Washington (25-10) vs. Stanford (27-7), 10 a.m.
NBA	
Friday's Games	Minnesota 132, Washington 129, 2OT Detroit 112, Charlotte 105 Houston 112, Toronto 109 Miami 108, Orlando 97 Atlanta 101, Milwaukee 90 San Antonio 110, Memphis 104 Sacramento 116, Phoenix 94
Golden State 128, Dallas 120	Denver 116, L.A. Lakers 105
Saturday's Games	Indiana at Brooklyn, 3 p.m. Toronto at New Orleans, 4 p.m. Chicago at Orlando, 4 p.m. Atlanta at Detroit, 4:30 p.m. Cleveland at New York, 4:30 p.m. Utah at Minnesota, 5 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m. Charlotte at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. Boston at Phoenix, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Portland, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Games	Denver at L.A. Clippers, 12:30 p.m. Dallas at Sacramento, 3 p.m. Houston at Indiana, 3 p.m. Philadelphia at Golden State, 5 p.m. Washington at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.
Hockey	
NHL	
Friday's Games	Washington 1, New Jersey 0, OT Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Islanders 4 St. Louis 4, Vancouver 0
Saturday's Games	Winnipeg at Buffalo, 10 a.m. Pittsburgh at Detroit, 11 a.m. Minnesota at Colorado, Noon Dallas at San Jose, 1 p.m. Boston at Toronto, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 4 p.m. Anaheim at Ottawa, 4 p.m. Florida at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m. St. Louis at Washington, 4 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 4 p.m. Columbus at Nashville, 5 p.m. Chicago at Calgary, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Arizona, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Games	New Jersey at Carolina, 2 p.m. Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 4:30 p.m. Chicago at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Tennis	
Miami Open Results	
Friday	At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park Key Biscayne, Fla. Purse: Men, \$6.13 million (Masters 1000); Women, \$6.13 million (Premier) Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Men Singles	
First Round	Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Rajeev Ram, United States, walkover. Marin Cilic (11), Croatia, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-4, 6-1. Dominic Thiem (14), Austria, def. Sam Groth, Australia, 7-5, 6-2. Lucas Pouille, France, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (32), Spain, 6-2, 6-4. David Ferrer (8), Spain, def. Taylor Fritz, United States, 7-6 (6), 6-1. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, def. Feliciano Lopez (21), Spain, 6-4, 6-4. Gilles Simon (18), France, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 7-5, 6-1. David Goffin (15), Belgium, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-4, 6-4. Benoit Paire (20), France, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Juan Martin del Potro, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4.	Fernando Verdasco, Spain, def. Jeremy Chardy (28), France, 6-4, 6-4. Joao Sousa (33), Portugal, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 6-7 (1), 7-6 (5), 6-2. Steve Johnson (31), United States, def. Alexander Zverev, Germany, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (3). Viktor Troicki (19), Serbia, def. Inigo Cervantes, Spain, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (9), 7-6 (3). Richard Gasquet (10), France, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-4, 6-4. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 6-3, 6-3.