

Men's NCAA Tournament

Bonnies stun UCLA for first NCAA Tourney win in 48 years

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DAYTON, Ohio — The basketball was still high in the air — flung to start the celebration — when the buzzer sounded and the Bonnies' long-awaited March celebration commenced.

The crowd at the University of Dayton Arena — a place where St. Bonaventure is usually booed — got caught up in the moment, too. And why not? It had been 48 years since anyone saw something like this out of St. Bonaventure.

Courtney Stockard returned from a hamstring injury and scored 26 points, and Jaylen Adams hit a jumper and three free throws in the final minute Tuesday night, rallying the Bonnies to a 65-58 victory over UCLA and their first NCAA Tournament victory since 1970.

At long last, it was time to party in March.

"It can't get better," Schmidt said.

They'll have more chances. The 11th-seeded Bonnies (26-7) will play sixth-seeded Florida (20-12) in Dallas on Thursday night in the East region. They did interviews, showered and headed for a flight to their next destination.

"Florida's got four or five days on us, so we'll be watching tape on the plane," Schmidt said. "We've got a 2 a.m. flight, but it couldn't be a better flight. Ever."

St. Bonaventure set a school



AP Photo/John Minchillo

St. Bonaventure's LaDarren Griffin (15) dunks as UCLA's Kris Wilkes (13) looks on during the first half of a First Four game of the NCAA men's college basketball tournament, Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio.

record with its 26th win. Stockard got the Bonnies in position for the drought-busting tournament victory by leading a late 12-0 run. Adams — who missed 14 of his first 15 shots — closed it out in the final 49 seconds.

"I'm still not 100 percent," Stockard said, "but I'm feeling way better than when I did when I left the Richmond game. So I can't really let an opportunity like this pass."

UCLA (21-12) was surprised that it got relegated to the First Four for the first time in its history — the Bruins have been to 18 Final Fours. They had trouble making shots against the Bonnies' zone defense and matched their season high with 20 turnovers, a

disappointing ending to a season that started with an international incident.

Freshmen Jalen Hill, Cody Riley and LiAngelo Ball were accused of shoplifting during a trip to China in November. All three were suspended for the season, and Ball left the school.

UCLA's Aaron Holiday led the Pac-12 in scoring but couldn't put his touch on the First Four game. He scored 20 points but had 10 turnovers, including three in the final 29 seconds as the game slipped away.

"I felt like we matched them pretty well," Holiday said. "We just turned the ball over too much."

Adams is the Bonnies' all-time leading scorer as a guard but had

First Four scores: St. Bonaventure 65, UCLA 58, Radford 71, LIU Brooklyn 61. Includes logos for each team.

a rough time as well until the final minute. He finished with eight points on 2-of-16 shooting.

UP NEXT St. Bonaventure will try to win two games in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1970, when it beat Davidson, N.C. State and Villanova before losing to Jacksonville. The Bonnies had lost three NCAA Tournament games — in 1978, 2000 and 2012 — since that last win in 1970.

Radford downs LIU Brooklyn 71-61

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Travis Fields Jr. and Ed Polite Jr. each scored 13 points to lift Radford to its first-ever NCAA Tournament win, 71-61 over LIU Brooklyn in the First Four on Tuesday night.

Carluk Jones added 12 points and a career-high 11 rebounds for the Highlanders, who move on to face No. 1 seed Villanova on Thursday in Pittsburgh. Radford, the Big South champion, is making its third tournament appearance and first since 2009.

LIU Brooklyn stayed within striking distance for much of the game and got to within a point with five minutes left, but a 9-1 surge by the Highlanders allowed them to

close it out.

"We remained calm," Polite said. "Basketball is about a game of runs. So we knew they're a good team, so they're going to make shots. So we just had to remain focused and go with the game plan. And that's to pressure them even though they're a fast-paced team and don't give them any easy baskets."

The Blackbirds went without a field goal in the last seven minutes of the game and shot 30.4 percent in the second half. Both teams were plagued by turnovers.

Jashaun Agosto scored 16 points and Raiquan Clark added 14 for LIU Brooklyn, which is winless in seven trips to the tournament.

Radford led 30-28 at the end of a sloppy first half after leading by as many as nine. The Blackbirds scored 11 of their points on nine turnovers by Radford but were just 3 for 13 from beyond the 3-point line in the half.

"I thought (Radford) did a nice job grinding it out on the offensive end of the floor and taking time off the clock to where we couldn't get moving," LIU Brooklyn coach Derek Kellogg said.

UP NEXT Radford: Faces No. 1 seed Villanova in the first round of the tournament on Thursday.

PREP ROUNDUP: Umatilla baseball sweeps doubleheader with Touchet (WA)

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all of their offense came off the bat of Maggie Flynn, who went 3 for 3 with two doubles and a home run.

Table with columns: MHS, HHS, R, H, E. MHS: 003320, 5, 13, 14, 0. HHS: 100100, 0, 2, 3, 2.

TOUCHET (WA) 33, UMATILLA 4 — In Umatilla's first games of the season, the Vikings spent it on the road and dropped both games of their doubleheader in Washington. The first was a 33-4 defeat and the second, a 15-5 loss.

They'll have a few days to recover before continuing its away stint at Portland Christian.

BASEBALL

PILOT ROCK 9, HEPPNER 2 — At Pilot Rock, the Rockets scored a win in their season opener by defeating the Heppner Mustangs 9-2 on Tuesday afternoon.

Bryson Pierce and Logan Weinke combined to throw six solid innings for the Rockets (1-0), allowing four hits and two unearned runs with eight strikeouts. Weinke added one hit at the plate — a double — with two runs scored and two RBI and Chris Weinke also had a double with two runs scored and one RBI.

Coby Dougherty, Beau Wolters, Tyler Carter and

Wyatt Steagall tallied the four hits for the Mustangs (0-1). Kannon Wilkins got the start on the mound and took the loss allowing six runs total with three strikeouts in two innings, and Steagall threw 3 1/3 solid innings of relief.

Table with columns: PR, HHS, R, H, E. PR: 150030, 9, 6, 3. HHS: 101000, 2, 4, 4.

JOSEPH 14, WESTON-MCEWEN 12 — At Athena, the Joseph Eagles stunned the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots with six runs in the top of the seventh inning to steal a 14-12 victory in the season opener on Tuesday.

The TigerScots (0-1) had built up a 12-8 lead in the final frame, but four different pitchers combined to walk five batters and allow two hits and a fielding error in the outfield contributed to the six-run outburst.

The TigerScots had the tying runs on base with one out in the bottom half, but back-to-back strikeouts ended the threat and the game.

Weston-McEwen had five extra-base hits in the game, headlined by Garrett Shell's grand slam home run in the third inning. Shell finished the game 2 for 4 with six RBIs.

Table with columns: H, E, JHS, W-M, R, H, E. JHS: 030140, 6, 14, 3, 7. W-M: 408000, 0, 12, 9, 4.

Basketball

Table with columns: W, L, Pct, GB. Washington: 38, 30, 55.9, —. Miami: 36, 32, 52.9, 2.

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PREP SOFTBALL

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Tuesday Hermiston at Hood River, 3:30 p.m. Friday Riverside at Ontario Icebreaker, 3:45 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday BMCC vs. Prairie Baseball Academy (DH), 11 a.m. Sunday BMCC vs. Chemeketa (DH), 11 a.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Friday BMCC vs. Wenatchee Valley (DH), 2 p.m. Saturday BMCC vs. Yakima Valley (DH), 12 p.m.

P. Munk (5), T. Sater (7), C. Premus (7), G. Shell (7), W. — Harvey, L. — T. Sater. 2B — C. McDowell, T. Sater, G. Shell (W-M). 3B — C. Premus (W-M). HR — G. Shell (W-M).

TOUCHET (WA) 1-1 — At Touchet, the Umatilla Vikings piled up 28 hits and 24 runs as they thumped Touchet (WA) on Tuesday in a season-opening doubleheader.

In Game 1, the Vikings (2-0) were led by Kole Keller. On the mound, Keller started and threw four complete innings, allowing only one hit, one run, three walks with three strikeouts. And at the plate, Keller was 3 for 4 with three RBI.

Freshman James Wilson closed out the game with two innings on the mound, allowing just one hit with two strikeouts.

In Game 2, Cody Samson and Andrew Wilson combined to throw five solid innings on the mound. Samson started and struck out two in two innings and Wilson allowed only two walks in the final three frames. Moises Garcilazo had a team-best three hits, while Noah Holford, Seth Cranston, Wilson and Samson each had two hits.

Table with columns: Game 1, UHS, THS, Game 2, UHS, THS, R, H, E. Game 1: UHS 204005, 11, 13, 0. THS 000100, 1, 2, 1.

DUFUR 14, RIVERSIDE 10 — The Riverside Pirates opened their season Tuesday with a tough loss

to Dufur. It was reminiscent of the first game last season where Riverside also dropped the game 10-0.

This time around, the Pirates (0-1 overall) were able to get some offense going against the Rangers (1-0) but it wasn't enough for the win.

TENNIS

WALLA WALLA 6, PENDELTON 2 — At Pendleton, the Pendleton girls tennis team opened its season with a good match against the Walla Walla Blue Devils, despite the end result.

The Buckaroos have a lot of inexperienced players this season, and Tuesday was great for coach Rocky Dillenburg to see what type of potential the players have for the season.

"You don't really know what you have until you put them into a match," he said. "We lost, but I was pretty happy with the way we played."

Pendleton's lone wins came at No. 2 singles and No. 4 doubles team. In singles, Buckaroos' Bethany Flanagan defeated Brooke Royce 6-4, 6-4 and in doubles the Buckaroo team of Claire Durant-Bailor and Sylvie Heriza defeated Brit Contrerus and Madi Case 6-6 (7-3), 2-6, 13-11.

Singles Kyndall Locati (WWW) def. Abby Williams 6-1, 6-3. Bethan Flanagan (P) def. Brooke Royce 6-4, 6-4. Amali Gutierrez (WWW) def. Denae Smith 6-3, 6-1. Christiana Zaugg (WWW) def. Maureen

Davies 6-1, 1-6, 10-8. Doubles Russo/Horton (WWW) def. Scanlon/Senkerikova 6-4, 6-1. Tachery/Turner (WWW) def. Walker/Chambers 6-3, 6-1. Cotreras/Farnum (WWW) def. Bradt/Spicknall 6-3, 6-3. Durant-Bailor/Heriza (WWW) def. Contrerus/Case 6-6 (7-3), 2-6, 13-11.

HANDFORD (WA) 7, HERMISTON 0 — Hermiston opened its season on the road, where both the girls and boys teams suffered losses to Handford (WA).

The girls lost 7-0 to a tough Falcon squad.

"It was a lot of first match jitters," head coach Jason Sivey said. The Bulldogs' No. 1 singles player, Mackenzie Hill, had one of the best matches of the day. She only dropped the first of two matches 5-7 against Celeste Pe. Pe would go on to win the set (5-7, 1-6) and the Falcons kept building after that.

For the boys, they were able to get one set in but ultimately lost 6-1.

Girls Singles Celeste Pe (Han.) def. Mackenzie Hill (Herm.) 7-5, 6-1. Anna Jarman (Han.) def. Breckyn Mecham (Herm.) 6-2, 6-1. Molly Kolsalter (Han.) def. Emery Snyder (Herm.) 6-1, 6-2. Kathryn Yang (Han.) def. Katie Bradshaw (Herm.) 6-1, 6-1. Girls Doubles Stanokovs/Stephens (Han.) def. Middleton/Mecham (Herm.) 6-1, 6-1. Flemming/Sharp (Han.) def. McAllister/Stewart (Herm.) 6-1, 6-1. Moon/Arm (Han.) def. Perkins/Thomas (Herm.) 7-6, 7-3. Kimmel/Diedericksen (Han.) def. Hofbauer/Mitchell (Herm.) 4-6, 2-6.

TRACK AND FIELD

HOOD RIVER — The Bulldogs participated in their first track and field dual of the season Tuesday.

Hermiston traveled to Hood River for an afternoon of events under an overcast sky. Leading the charge on the track were sprinters Jonathan Hinkle and Scout Regan. Both swept in the 100- and 200-meter races.

For the field events, Hermiston again took top spots including the men's shot put, were seniors Antonion Fernandez (45-08.00) and Eric White (42-04.00) placed first and second, respectively.

LACROSSE

RICHLAND (WA) 15, HERMISTON 3 — The Hermiston Bulldogs began its first season in a Washington High School Lacrosse Boys Division league, and hosted the Richland Bombers on Tuesday.

Both members of the Central League, the two teams met at 7 p.m. for what ended up being a tough loss for the Bulldogs.

After started hot and getting two quick goals in, the Bombers began their attack and never let up. They scored 15 unanswered points until Hermiston recorded its final goal of the night.

Luke Walchli led those efforts scoring two of the team's three goals.

The Bulldogs struggled advancing the ball up the field and Richland took advantage of bad passes and nine turnovers to notch its big win.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate: Prep Baseball, Prep Softball, Prep Track and Field, College Baseball, College Softball. Scoreboard: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday's Games, Wednesday's Games, NCAA Men's Tournament, Midwest Regional, Pacific Division, Southwest Division, Southeast Division, Northwest Division, South Division, Pacific Division, South Division, South Division, South Division.