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Field set for NCAA March madness

By The Associated Press EAST REGIONAL First Round

Thursday At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale, N.Y.

Kentucky (22-9) vs. Holy Cross (22-7), 10:20 a.m.

Iowa (22-11) vs. Creighton (24-7), 30 minutes after previous game

Boston College (26-4) vs. Southern Utah (25-5), 5:40 p.m.

Southern California (21-9) vs. Oklahoma State (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game

At Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C. Ohio State (20-10) vs. Utah State (27-5) 10:25 a.m.

UCLA (21-8) vs. Hofstra (26-4), 30 minutes after previous game

Duke (29-4) vs. Monmouth, N.J. (21-9), 5:40 p.m.

Georgia (16-14) vs. Missouri (19-12), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round Saturday

At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale, N.Y.

Boston College-Southern Utah winner vs. Southern California-Oklahoma State winner, 3:30 p.m

Kentucky-Holy Cross winner vs. Iowa-Creighton winner, 30 minutes after previous

At Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C. Duke-Monmouth, N.J. winner vs. Georgia-Missouri winner, 1:10 p.m.

UCLA-Hofstra winner vs. Ohio State-Utah State winner, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals At First Union Center, Philadelphia Thursday, March 22

Kentucky-Holy Cross-lowa-Creighton winner vs. Boston College-Southern Utah—Southern California-Oklahoma State winner

Duke-Monmouth, N.J.—Georgia-Missouri winner vs. UCLA-Hofstra-Ohio State-Utah State winner

Regional Championship Saturday, March 24 Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL First Round Friday

At The Pyramid, Memphis, Tenr Virginia (20-8) vs. Gonzaga (24-6), 10:25 a.m.

Oklahoma (26-6) vs. Indiana State (21-11), 30 minutes after previous game Michigan State (24-4) vs. Alabama State (22-

8), 5:40 p.m. California (20-10) vs. Fresno State (25-6), 30

minutes after previous game At The Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans

Texas (25-8) vs. Temple (21-12), 10:30 a.m. Florida (23-6) vs. Western Kentucky (24-6),

starting job elsewhere, quarterback

Gus Frerotte returned to the Denver

Broncos after agreeing to a one-year

Frerotte, who turned down an offer

from the Cincinnati Bengals last week,

likely will fill the same role as last sea-

son when he was the backup to starter

"He's been treated with a lot of re-

contract on Tuesday.

Brian Griese.

30 minutes after previous game

Penn State (19-11) vs. Providence (21-9), 5:50

North Carolina (25-6) vs. Princeton (16-10), 30 minutes after previous game Second Round

Sunday

At The Pyramid, Memphis, Tenn. Oklahoma-Indiana State winner vs. Virginia-

Gonzaga winner, 12:15 p.m. Michigan State-Alabama State winner vs. California-Fresno State winner, 30 minutes after previous

At The Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans Florida-Western Kentucky winner vs. Texas-

emple winner, 12:30 p.m. North Carolina-Princeton winner vs. Penn State-Providence winner, 30 minutes after previous game

> **Regional Semifinals** Friday, March 23

At The Georgia Dome, Atlanta

Michigan State-Alabama State-California-Fresno State winner vs. Oklahoma-Indiana State-Virginia-Gonzaga winner

North Carolina-Princeton—Penn State-Providence winner vs. Florida-Western Kentucky-Texas-Temple winner

Regional Championship Sunday, March 25

Semifinal winners MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round Friday At University of Davton Arena, Davton, Ohio

Illinois (24-7) vs. Northwestern State (19-12), 0:15 a.m. Tennessee (22-10) vs. Charlotte (21-10), 30 min-

utes after previous game Kansas (24-6) vs. Cal State Northridge (22-9),

5:40 p.m. Syracuse (24-8) vs. Hawaii (17-13), 30 minutes

after previous game At Kemper Arena, Kansas City, Mo. Wake Forest (19-10) vs. Butler (23-7), 10:30 a.m.

Arizona (23-7) vs. Eastern Illinois (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game Mississippi (25-7) vs. Iona (22-10), 5:55 p.m.

Notre Dame (19-9) vs. Xavier (21-7), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round Sunday

At University of Dayton Arena, Dayton, Ohio Kansas-Cal State Northridge winner vs. Syracuse-Hawaii winner, 10:10 a.m. Illinois-Northwestern State winner vs. Tennessee

Charlotte winner, 30 minutes after previous game At Kemper Arena, Kansas City, Mo

Arizona-Eastern Illinois winner vs. Wake Forest Butler winner, 12:20 p.m.

Mississippi-Iona winner vs. Notre Dame-Xavier winner, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals Friday, March 23

Backup quarterback returns to Broncos

Denver next season.

pected.

At The Alamodome, San Antonio Illinois-Northwestern State winner-Tennessee-Charlotte winner vs. Kansas-Cal State Northridge-

DENVER (AP) — Unable to find a that was a strong one. There was never and helped the Broncos win their sea-

Svracuse-Hawaii winner

Arizona-Eastern Illinois-Wake Forest-Butler winnervs. Mississippi-Iona-Notre Dame-Xavier winner

Regional Championship Sunday, March 25 Semifinal winners

WEST REGIONAL First Round Thursday

At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl, San Diego Georgia Tech (17-12) vs. St. Joseph's (25-6) 12:42 p.m

Stanford (28-2) vs. North Carolina-Greensboro (19-11), 30 minutes after previous game Indiana (21-12) vs. Kent State (23-9), 5:55 p.m

Cincinnati (23-9) vs. Brigham Young (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game

At BSU Pavilion, Boise, Idaho Wisconsin (18-10) vs. Georgia State (28-4)

10:40 a.m. Maryland (21-10) vs. George Mason (18-11),

30 minutes after previous game Arkansas (20-10) vs. Georgetown (23-7), 5:50

Iowa State (25-5) vs. Hampton (24-6), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round Saturday

At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl, San Diego Indiana-Kent State winner vs. Cincinnati Brigham Young winner, 3:38 p.m. Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro winner vs. Georgia Tech-St. Joseph's winner, 30 minutes

after previous game At BSU Pavilion, Boise, Idaho Maryland-George Mason winner vs. Wiscon-

sin-Georgia State winner, 1:20 p.m. Iowa State-Hampton winner vs. Arkansas Georgetown winner, 30 minutes after previous

Regional Semifinals Thursday, March 22

game

a threat of taking it off or lessening it. son finale when Griese was injured in

agent and recovering from shoulder a loss to the Baltimore Ravens in an

surgery, he is expected to remain in AFC wild-card playoff game.

tract talks. He said the Pro Bowl quar- with eight interceptions.

Although Griese is a restricted free the first quarter, but was ineffective in

Cindrich also represents Griese, but of 232 passes for 1,776 yards in 10

had nothing new to report on his con- games. He threw for nine touchdowns

At Arrowhead Pond, Anaheim, Calif Stanford-North Carolina-Greensboro-Geor gia Tech-St. Joseph's winner vs. Indiana-Kent State—Cincinnati-Brigham Young winner State-Hampton-Arkansas lowa Georgetown winner vs. Maryland-George Mason-Wisconsin-Georgia State winner **Regional Championship**

Saturday, March 24 Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, Min-

neapolis National Semifinals Saturday, March 31 East champion vs. West champion South champion vs. Midwest champion **National Championship** Monday, April 2 Semifinal winners

western State's athletic director walked from one end of the court to the other, pointed his disposable camera at the scoreboards and clicked off frames for posterity.

The final score still twinkled in white lights: Demons 71, Eagles 67, 00.0 to go.

The Louisiana school known as the backdrop for the movie "Steel Magnolias" had a little piece of NCAA tournament history to take back to Natchitoches. Northwestern State's 71-67 victory over Winthrop in a novel play-in game Tuesday night gave the Demons a distinction and a challenge.

By winning the game that no one wanted to play, they got to try for the upset that no one has ever pulled off. The Demons (19-12) get a full-fledged tournament game Friday against mighty Illinois, a No. 1 seed.

A 16th seed has never beaten a top seed in the 16 years of the current tournament format. Teams with Northwestern State's seed have tried 64 times and failed 64 times.

"That's in the back of our heads," guard Michael Byars-Dawson said. "Hey, things happen in the NCAA tournament. We've made history already by playing this game. Why can't we make more history?"

Given the way things had gone in the last three days, the Demons weren't fazed by what comes next.

The Southland Conference champions had to board a bus during a thunderstorm at 5:30 a.m. on Monday just to get to Dayton.

They ate breakfast sandwiches while rain pelted the windows, wound up

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — North- lunch at the airport because of a flight instead. delay, and went right to practice when they got to University of Dayton Arena for this game, and I wouldn't mind for their workout. coming back," Winthrop coach Gregg

"I hold no ill will toward the NCAA

Marshall said. "If they start the season

and say, 'Would you like to play in the

The Demons aren't going home.

Since the tournament went to its cur-

They have two days to prepare for a

challenge far greater than their play-in.

rent format in 1985, the 16th seed has

lost to the No. 1 seed by an average of

25 points. Only 10 games have been

There have been a few close calls. In

1989, two games were decided by one

point. In 1990, Murray State took

Michigan State to overtime before los-

when Western Carolina missed two

shots in the closing seconds and lost to

Purdue 73-71. In the last three years,

no 16th seed has stayed closer than 19

The Demons didn't know about

"We'll play Thursday and we're just

those numbers. Some of them didn't

going to try to be positive," said

Fischer, whose timetable was off by a

last few days, their confusion was un-

derstandable. So was their gumption.

to all the lights," Byars-Dawson said.

"We weren't even used to flying. We

didn't want to come here for just one

game. We wanted to stay for the week-

fourth and Juan Pierre's sacrifice fly in

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Johnny Damon put the A's back

"In this tournament, anything can

"When we got here, we weren't used

Given all that had happened in the

even know the itinerary.

The last near-upset came in 1996.

ing 75-71.

points

dav

Terrence Long hit a two-run double on Dan Petrick's RBI single in the

Oakland starter Tim Hudson gave up ahead with a solo home run in the bot-

Colorado came back to tie the game Shumpert hit an RBI single in the sixth.

the fifth.

decided by fewer than 10 points.

play-in game?' I'm coming back."

They still hadn't seen any tape of Winthrop (18-13), the Big South champion. That wasn't such a disadvantage-the Eagles hadn't been able to learn much about them, either.

When they took the court Tuesday in a half-empty arena, sandwiched between "Martial Law" and a monster truck show on TNN, the play-in teams looked like they hadn't slept or practiced much.

The low point of a ragged first half came when Winthrop's Marcus Stewart put way too much oomph on a jump shot from the top of the key. The ball flew over the backboard and slammed off the shot clock.

Stewart dropped his head, and his coach mercifully called a timeout.

"I can't believe he shot it that high," said Northwestern State center D'or Fischer, who scored 10 points and blocked nine shots. "I guess he knew I was a good shot blocker."

The closing minutes were the best, though a big part of the crowd of 6,813 got up and left before the drama unfolded. Josh Hancock, who won two games this season with last-minute baskets, hit a 3-pointer from the right corner with 1:00 to play to put the Demons in control.

Winthrop made 11 of its 20 3-point attempts, but Tywan Harris had one roll off the rim and another partially blocked by Fischer in the final minute.

The NCAA's first play-in game in 10 years at least had a good ending, even end. though CBS, TV home of the tournastanding in line to order a fast-food ment, was showing "Judging Amy" happen. Who knows?"

in the first off Masato Yoshii, who al-

lowed two runs and four hits in four

Rockies beaten by Athletics, 9-3

innings.

PHOENIX (AP) - Robin Jennings hit an eighth-inning grand slam Tuesday as the Oakland Athletics beat the Colorado Rockies 9-3.

Jennings, a non-roster invitee for the A's, connected on a Mike DeJean pitch, two runs and seven hits in five innings. tom of the inning, but Colorado's Terry sending it down the right-field line.



Frerotte's agent, Ralph Cindrich, said. the same caustic remarks, so I think "Immediately at the close of the sea- he's doing pretty well," Cindrich said. son, they put an offer out on the table Frerotte went 4-2 as a starter in 2000

spect by the Broncos organization,"

"Brian still has the same scowl and Redskins.

terback appears to be healing as ex-

bowling scores

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Athletes of the Week are:



This week's honored athletes are Brewster's Justin Jamison and Goodland's Erica Mann. In Brewster's second consecutive state win, Justin Jamison had great games against Tribune & Argonia. In the championship game with Argonia, Jamison had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Brewster won state for a second year. Erica Mann came off the bench Thursday right in State quarter finals & scored 11 points & 10 rebounds in the 54-49 come-from-behind victory, against Ottawa.





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