

the sports

viewpoint

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The Big Apple is probably sour

I woke up feeling absolutely miserable last Friday morning. I stumbled out of bed and trudged outside to get the *Austin American* that was lying in a puddle in the driveway. As I walked back to the house, I unrolled the soggy newspaper. The front page of the sports section confirmed in smudged black-and-white what I had heard the night before from a friend of a sportscaster friend. There it was in big, bold letters: Aggies blow 17-point lead. Yes, it was true. Texas A&M had defeated New Mexico and Nevada-Reno on the road only to come practically home to the Summit and blow it against Alabama in the third round of the National Invitational Tournament. I read on through the article. The Aggies had led by 17 twice in the first half. But at intermission, Alabama had closed the gap to six points. At the end of the game, the Tide had rolled to a 72-68 victory. "Our season wasn't supposed to end tonight," Rudy Woods was quoted as saying after the game. "We were supposed to go to New York." Ah yes, New York's Madison Square Garden is the sight of the final two rounds of the NIT. And now the Aggies were not going and neither was I. I was shattered. Visions of the tall, skinny country boy in the big city had grown clearer and clearer with the victories in Albuquerque and Reno. Now those visions were no more than a mirage on Houston's South-west Freeway. I wouldn't be able to pull on my Justin's and my "Texans For Secession" t-shirt and mosey up to the bar for a cool one in Manhattan's little piece of Heaven, the Lone Star Cafe. I wouldn't be resting in the shade of the Empire State Building. I wouldn't get the chance to be refused entry into Studio 54. No trip to the Statue of Liberty for me. And Karl Malden could keep his lousy traveler's checks. I quickly dropped the sports section and searched for some cheer in the funnies. As I was looking for the comics, I found an article about recent occurrences in the Big Apple. The story reported that, in the last week, a man had been stabbed to death in the New York subway; a lady had been raped, sodomized and robbed and another man had been shot as he walked down the street. Now that I think about it, it's probably a good thing I didn't go to New York. I would probably have gotten mugged on Seventh Ave.

Fictitious Final Four?

Michigan St., Penn win

United Press International
DePaul, Indiana State, Pennsylvania and Michigan State.

Sounds like the field for the Seawolf Classic Christmas Tournament at Anchorage, Alaska. It certainly couldn't be the Final Four for the NCAA championships.

But, believe it or not, that's exactly what it is following Penn's 64-62 victory over St. John's in the East regional and Michigan State's 80-68 triumph over Notre Dame in the Midwest regional Sunday.

Penn, the first Ivy League school to reach the Final Four since the Bill Bradley-led Princeton team of 1965, will meet Michigan State and DePaul will play undefeated Indiana State, UPI's national champion, in the semifinals at Salt Lake City next Saturday. The finals will be held next Monday night.

DePaul upset UCLA 95-91 in the Far West regional and Indiana State overcame Arkansas 73-71 in the Midwest regional Saturday.

Of the four surviving teams, none were expected to survive their regional tournaments.

Penn escaped with a victory over St. John's when the Redmen missed three straight field goal attempts in the waning seconds. James Salters hit two free throws with 23 seconds remaining to put the Quakers ahead by two points but a shot by Tom Calabrese and two successive follow-up shots off rebounds by Gordon Thomas and Wayne McKoy missed for the Redmen as time expired.

Tony Price, the most valuable player in the Ivy League this season, led the Quakers with 21 points and Tim Smith chipped in with 16, many coming from long range. Ron Plair led St. John's with 21 points, but the Redmen's leading scorer this season, Reggie Carter, managed only 4 points and fouled out with more than five minutes remaining.

Tim and Tony's outside shooting

got us back in the game," admitted Penn Coach Bob Weinbauer, noting that the Quakers came from four points behind midway through the second half to take the lead with 4:53 remaining.

"There's no post-mortems on my part," said Coach Lou Carnesecca of St. John's. "There's only one regret — the ball go in the closet. The amazing thing is what they did and not what we didn't do. We got beat from the outside. Smith and Tony Price are great shooters."

Michigan State's dynamic pair of Greg Kelsner and Earvin Johnson ruled Notre Dame's chances of making the Final Four for the second straight year. Kelsner scored 36 points — many off feeds from Johnson — and Johnson added 19 in leading the Spartans to the Final Four for the first time in 22 years.

Notre Dame, which trailed by 11 points at halftime, got within seven points in the second half, but the Irish's chances of overhauling the Spartans were reduced when Bill Hanzlik and Tracy Tripucka went to the bench with their fourth personal fouls with over 10 minutes remaining. By the time they returned to the lineup, the Spartans had broken the game open.

Hanzlik and Tracy Jackson led Notre Dame with 19 points each, but Tripucka, the Irish's leading scorer during the season, managed only 8.

"I feel you're as good as your last game, so today we're a very very good basketball team," said Michigan State Coach Jud Heathcote. "The breaks went our way and we had intensity and intelligence. This is the best Michigan State has played since the tourney started. We don't know a great deal about Penn — we know they're in the east."

Gary Garland and Curtis Watkins scored 24 points apiece for DePaul in the Blue Demons' victory over UCLA. The triumph was especially

gratifying for DePaul Coach Ray Meyer, who will be taking a team to the Final Four for the first time in 37 years of coaching at the Chicago-based school.

"I saw in the local papers the day of the game that we didn't belong on the same court with UCLA," said Meyer. "That makes the victory even better. It may be the greatest recruiting thing we've ever had. I'd called the three recruits we want and told them to watch the game."

DePaul led by 17 points at the halftime, but UCLA came within two points in the final 30 seconds only to have Garland wrap up the game by sinking a layup with with 10 seconds to play.

Indiana State got 31 points from Larry Bird, college basketball's Player of the Year, but it took an off-balance, lefthanded basket by Bob Heaton with five seconds left to give the Sycamores a victory over Arkansas. Heaton, whose desperation 50-foot basket saved a victory against New Mexico State earlier this season, put up his game-winning shot when the Sycamores couldn't get the ball into Bird and it fell through after twice bouncing on the rim.

"Things just worked out for us like they have all year," said Heaton. "I think we proved something. Being 32-0 is a great feeling."

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