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# TCU inches past Sun Devils 78-76

from staff and wire reports

The TCU Horned Frogs, who barely missed an NCAA berth after losing to the Houston

Cougars in the finals of the Southwest Conference tourney, are looking more and more like 1983 National Invitation Tournament party-crashers every day.

For the second straight game, the Horned Frogs won. It wasn't easy, but they won, defeating Arizona State's Sun Devils on the road by a score of 78-76 in Monday's second-round NIT action.

TCU, which had defeated Tulsa 64-62 in a road game last week, will now play the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Thursday night in Lincoln, Neb., at 7:30. Nebraska, 21-9 on the season, relied on junior forward Stan

Cloudy's 24 points and eight rebounds to defeat Iona on Monday night. The winner of the Cornhusker-Horned Frog quarterfinal game will travel to the NIT "Final Four" at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

TCU, which held a 39-35 lead at halftime, received a combined 55 points from senior forward Doug Arnold and senior guard Darrell Browder. Browder scored 23 of his 29 points in the first half and the 6-9 Arnold had 20 of his 26 points during the second half, throughout which TCU held only narrow one- or two-point leads.

The loss was ASU's fourth in its final 14 games, as the Sun

Devils finished the season 19-14. Byron Scott led Arizona State with a game-high 33 points, Paul Williams scored 19 points and Chris Beasley wound up with 14 for the game.

The two teams tied the score 16 times during the game, — 13 times in the first half — before Dennis Nutt hit a jumper to give the Horned Frogs their four-point halftime lead. Browder fouled out with 9:52 left in the game and TCU ahead only by one at 60-59.

Arizona State took a 68-67 lead on Walt Stone's basket with 5:50 left, but Arnold scored six unanswered points to give his squad a 73-68 lead. The Sun Devils closed to 77-76 at the 2:19

mark, but Beasley made a crucial free throw and TCU's Christensen made one seconds left to give the Frogs their margin of victory.

Christensen missed a throw with 10 seconds left, but the Sun Devils missed several tip-in attempts the final buzzer.

TCU, which has won six of its last six games, now sits at 23-10. In other NIT action Monday night:

South Carolina 75, Virginia 72; Fresno State 72, Michigan State 67; Wake Forest 75, Vanderbilt 68; Mississippi 65, South Florida 61; DePaul 65, Northwestern 61; Oregon State 88, New Orleans 81.

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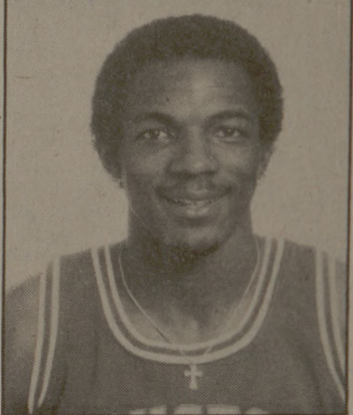
## Drexler says MSU's Lee could hurt Houston's inside strength

United Press International HOUSTON — The No. 1 Houston Cougars say they may have a tiger by the tail as they try to defend Memphis State's 6-foot-10 all-America Keith Lee.

Too tall for the Cougars' best defensive player, Lee demands the close attention of one of Houston's two starting centers, Cougars forward Clyde Drexler said on Monday.

Giving Lee the attention of a center, however, would take a key rebounder away from the boards because Lee roams the wings and shoots the lights out from there.

Coach Guy Lewis did not hand out defensive assignments in the team's first practice for an NCAA Tournament match Friday in Kansas City against Memphis State, but 6-7 Drexler — the team's leading defender — expected he wouldn't draw Lee. "We're gonna have to put an agile big man on him and that



Cougars' Clyde Drexler says defense needs good game

will create some problems," he said.

Seven-foot Akeem Olajuwon of Lagos, Nigeria, the nation's leading shot blocker and the team's leading rebounder, is more agile and a better jumper

than Houston's other center, 6-9 Larry Micheaux.

Olajuwon seldom chases around the court. He fouls more than the other Cougar starters.

"If he (Olajuwon) is out of the middle, we have somebody else who can dog up the middle. Micheaux can do that. We've done it before," Drexler said.

"Against Texas A&M, they took their big man, Jimmy Gilbert, out to the top of the key to get Akeem off the boards."

The Cougars beat A&M 84-61 and 86-66 during their 23-game win streak. But the Aggies were not in the Tigers' class, and Gilbert is not a Keith Lee, Drexler said.

"We knew Gilbert wasn't going to take the shot at the top of the key so we switched people on him and sometimes ignored him. We can't ignore Keith Lee. He'll take the shot," Drexler said.

Houston, 28-2, advanced to

the Midwest Regional by beating Maryland Saturday, and in the Drexler was assigned to guard Terrapins' leading scorer Adrian Branch.

"Lee is going to be more difficult to defend than Branch," Drexler said.

Against Maryland, Drexler and 6-6 forward Michael led a defense that Branch only missed 11 of 17 grab only four rebounds assist only one basket.

Terps' forward Larry assessed Olajuwon's play. "Olajuwon, or whatever his name is, is more physical (Ralph) Sampson. He get out from under the Sampson can go inside on side, but both are effective.

If Lee draws coverage from Olajuwon, he will be over the nation's top shot blocker.

## Probation

### NCAA slaps Wolfpack with sanctionless penalty

United Press International RALEIGH, N.C. — Football officials at North Carolina State say they are relieved the NCAA slapped the school with only one year of probation for alleged recruiting violations, but add that they don't expect it to hurt the Wolfpack program.

The NCAA reprimanded North Carolina State Monday for alleged illegal recruitment of a 1981 high school football

player. The NCAA's Committee on Infractions, meeting in Mission, Kan., declined to name the player, but former coach Monte Kiffin, who resigned under pressure late last year, previously confirmed the investigation involved defensive tackle Reggie Singletary. The alleged violations were committed during Kiffin's tenure.

There were no post-season or television sanctions placed on the university but "two representatives of its athletic interests" were removed from recruiting activities.

The NCAA said the violations would "affect the young man's eligibility to represent the university in a post-season football game."

The investigative committee said North Carolina State is expected to appeal. The university may appeal to the NCAA Eligibility Committee to allow the player to play in postseason games.

Kiffin, contacted in Green Bay, Wis., where he has joined the Green Bay Packers organization, expressed regret over the probation. But he was relieved it was not harsher.

"I'm pleased it didn't come out any worse," Kiffin said. "No one knows better about any possible violations than the head coach. I knew all along what had happened, how it happened and that it was not an intentional thing."

North Carolina State coach Tom Reed, who came from

Miami of Ohio to replace him, said he did not expect the probation to hurt the Wolfpack program.

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