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Frogs bear down on Grizzlies

Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — Guard Carl Lott exploded for 27 points to lead Texas Christian to a 76-69 victory over Montana Tuesday night in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Lott, a 6-foot-4 junior, hit 12 of 14 shots from the field, most of them mid- to long-range jumpers. He added three of six free throws.

The Horned Frogs, who tied for the South-west Conference regular season title, led the entire game, with their biggest margin being 12 points.

TCU reached that advantage the first time with 1:39 left in the first half on two free throws by forward Larry Richard to put the Horned Frogs ahead 40-28.

Montana stormed back with three quick baskets, including a layup by John Bates at the buzzer, and trailed only 40-34 at the half.

The Grizzlies, co-champions of the Big Sky Conference, got the first basket of the second half but never got any closer the rest of the way.

TCU quickly went back ahead by nine as Richard hit two field goals, Greg Grissom added one and Norman Anderson made one free throw.

After that, the closest Montana got was within five points.

Montana was paced by 6-9 senior forward Larry Krystkowiak with 26 and 10 rebounds. Krystkowiak, with a dunk at the final buzzer, tied the all-time Big Sky Conference career scoring record 2,019 set by Bruce Collins of Weber State from 1976-1980.

The only other TCU player in double figures was junior guard Jamie Dixon with 12 points, including six free throws in the final two minutes.

Bird continues barrage as Celtics clip Rockets

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Larry Bird scored 31 points, had 10 assists and pulled down eight rebounds to lead the Boston Celtics to a 116-104 decision over the Houston Rockets Tuesday night in NBA basketball.

Dennis Johnson and Kevin McHale each contributed 25 points for the Celtics as Boston improved its record to 51-13.

Houston, 40-25, and the Midwest Division leader, was led by Ralph Sampson with 23 and John Lucas with 20. Houston played without its leading scorer, Akeem Olajuwon, who has a knee injury.

Boston moved ahead 100-91 at 9:55 of the fourth quarter and Houston was never closer than seven points from then on.

The score was tied 10 times in the first quarter, with neither team leading by more than four. A pair of baskets by Johnson put the Celtics ahead 36-33 going into the second period.

Boston increased its lead to five early in second quarter, 40-35, moved ahead 59-49 at the 4:01 mark and 67-53 with 1:38 left in the half.

Houston managed to cut its deficit to 69-61 at the half.

The Celtics led 79-65 early in the

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and holding a 95-87 lead after three quarters.

Mavs happy to nix Celtic jinx

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks' owner Donald Carter tipped his cowboy hat back like the good guys do in Western movies when they've just run the bad guys out of town.

"This is the one we've been looking for," Carter said. "Now we know we belong in the NBA. It's the biggest win in franchise history by far."

Dallas' dramatic 116-115 victory over the Boston Celtics Monday night was the first in the six-year history of the expansion Mavericks over the Celtics.

It came on their 12th try on a night when Boston's Larry Bird tied a Reunion Arena record with 50 points and hit four shots from three-point range.

"It was going to come eventually, whether I was the coach here or Rip Van Winkle," Dallas Coach Dick Motta said. "Bird put on a clinic and we were fortunate to survive. There was every indication this was going to be a bad night, but we showed some professional pride out there."

third quarter before Houston outscored them 12-2 to cut Boston's lead to 81-77 with 5:26 left in the third quarter.

Boston's offense then came back to life, opening a 10-point advantage

St. John's Berry heads All-America list

Associated Press

NEW YORK — St. John's 6-foot-8 center Walter Berry, the top scorer and rebounder for Big East Conference tournament champions, was the only unanimous selection on the Associated Press' Division I All-America first team announced Tuesday.

In a college basketball season loaded with outstanding guards, Johnny Dawkins of Duke and Steve Alford of Indiana topped the backcourtmen.

Maryland's Len Bias and Kentucky's Kenny Walker, both 6-8 forwards, competed the first team.

All except Alford, a junior, are seniors. Bias, Dawkins and Walker were second-team selections last season.

A panel of 10 sports writers and broadcasters made the choices.

The second team consisted of four seniors — guards Scott Skiles, 6-1, of Michigan State and Dell Curry, 6-4, of Virginia Tech; 6-11½

College Basketball

center Brad Daugherty of North Carolina and 6-6 forward Ron Harper of Miami of Ohio — plus 6-11 sophomore forward Danny Manning of Kansas.

The third team included three juniors — Dwayne "Pearl" Washington, 6-2 guard from Syracuse, 7-0 center William Bedford of Memphis State and David Robinson, 6-11 Navy center. Mark Price, Georgia Tech's 6-0 senior guard, and 6-11 Roy Tarpley, a senior center from Michigan, completed the squad.

Dawkins, 6-2, is the leading scorer in Duke history with 2,403 points and No. 2 all-time in the Atlantic Coast Conference. He averaged 19.3 points on 54 percent field goal shooting and 81 percent from the free throw line this season and, with point guard Tommy Amaker, led the top-ranked Blue Devils' pressure defense, which forced an average of

19 turnovers a game.

Dawkins also became the first player in ACC history to accumulate more than 2,000 points, 500 rebounds and 500 assists in a career.

Duke, 32-2, won the ACC in both regular season and postseason.

Alford's outside shooting led Indiana to a 21-7 record and a runner-up spot in the Big Ten Conference. With 56 percent accuracy from the field and 87 percent from the foul line, he averaged 22.4 points this season, going over 30 points five times.

Alford, 6-2, the only 1984 Olympian still playing college ball, ranks as Indiana's No. 4 all-time scorer with 1,665 points.

Berry, the Big East's player of the year in the opinion of the conference's coaches, averaged 22.9 points and 11.3 rebounding mark despite being double- and triple-teamed most of the season.

Already a winner of the Wooden Award as college basketball's top

player, Berry emerged from the shadow of All-America Chris Mullin this season and took over the center spot vacated by 7-0 Bill Wennington.

The left-handed Berry, who spent his freshman season at San Jacinto (Texas) Junior College, displayed great leaping ability, unorthodox style and a soft touch to lead the Redmen to a 30-4 record. He connected on 60 percent of his field goal tries and holds the school record for total points in a season and blocks.

Maryland's Bias hit from the outside for 22.9 points on a 55 percent shooting from the field and 86 percent from the foul line in the Terrapins' 18-13 season.

Bias, the AP's unanimous choice as the Atlantic Coast Conference's Player of the Year, became Maryland's all-time leading scorer this season with 2,092 points, passing Albert King.

Walker led Kentucky, 29-3, to Southeastern Conference titles in both the regular and postseason.

Texas finds football player's car purchase within rules

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The University of Texas said Tuesday a car purchased by Longhorn running back Edwin Simmons was the result of a transaction in which Simmons "received no preferential treatment from the seller."

Dr. Ronald Brown, vice president of student affairs, said the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins had investigated Simmons' use of the car at the request of the university.

Brown said the law firm had been asked to share its findings with the NCAA and UT "stands ready to assist the NCAA staff with any additional information they may need to conduct their own investigations."

Brown said, however, "As of this date, the university has not been informed of an 'official inquiry' into the matter by the NCAA Committee on Infractions."

The Austin American-Statesman reported that Simmons had leased a 1984 BMW in April 1985 from Austin accountant Tee Bowman and had paid more than \$4,210 on a down payment, three monthly payments and insurance.

A spokeswoman for the UT News and Information Service said the car ultimately was repossessed, and has not been in Simmons' possession since August 1985.

Brown said the investigation included interviews with all persons involved with the lease-

purchase as well as with Simmons, his employer and members of the Longhorn athletic staff.

Simmons said, "The university has all of the information concerning my car. I think the statement pretty well covers it. The car was repossessed. I tried to buy something I couldn't afford. I made a mistake. It was a hard lesson, and I'd like to think I have learned from it."

Brown said Simmons purchased the used automobile after responding to a newspaper advertisement. He also said there was no evidence to indicate Simmons knew the owner of the car and nothing to indicate that Simmons' lease and his employment were suggested, arranged for, or assisted in any way by members of the UT-Austin athletic staff.

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