# Sports

### Cards deck Devils to earn No. 1

#### Ellison's 25 points lifts Louisville over top-ranked Duke 72-69

vis Ellison lived up to his nickname, 'Never Nervous," Monday night, leading the Cardinals to their second NCAA basketball championship in onds remaining.

over top-ranked Duke. He was named the Most Valuable Player in the Final Four, the first freshman so honored since Utah's Arnie Ferrin

"That's why we call him 'Never Nervous Pervis," said sophomore teammate Herbert Crook. "Down at the end, when we need rebounds, he

Ellison did, scoring eight of the Cardinals' last 15 points and gathering two key rebounds that spoiled Duke's hopes of capping a record season with its first national crown.

The victory was the 17th straight

for Louisville, which finished at 32-7. And it broke the 21-game winning streak of the Blue Devils, who finished 37-3, the most victories in a season in NCAA history.

Louisville needed everything Ellison could give to overcome a stellar performance by Duke's All-American guard Johnny Dawkins, who finished with 24 points. But, strangely, Dawkins could not seem to get the ball in the final minutes.

Louisville was leading 66-65 with 48 seconds to play and the clock running down when guard Jeff Hall missed a short jumper. Ellison grabbed the rebound and put it back three straight jump shots, one leadin and the Cardinals had a threepoint lead with only 41 seconds left. "I saw the shot was falling short," Ellison said. "I got past everybody

Ellison assured the victory with 27 seconds left when he rebounded a missed shot by Duke's David Henderson, was fouled by Mark Alarie and sank two free throws to make it 70.65.

After Duke scored on rebounds by Jav Bilas and Danny Ferry, Louisville guard Milt Wagner sealed it Wagner's three-point play cut to UCLA in 1964 and Kentucky in with two free throws with two sec-

Louisville's deficit to 61-60 with 5:33 1978. remaining. Henderson then hit two

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— Louisville forward Herbert Crook on Final Four MVP Pervis Ellison

said. "He is a great offensive player."

Duke's guards outscored Louisville 35-13, Wagner not getting his first field goal until there was 5:33 left in the game. That came on a fastbreak set up by an Ellison blocked shot.

Louisville's front line outscored Duke's 48-30, but more importantly, Louisville outrebounded Duke 39-, with Crook getting 12

ing to a three-point play, for a 48-42 lead. Mark Alarie made two free throws to match Duke's biggest lead of the second half, 54-48.

Wagner and Thompson each picked up their fourth personal fouls during that period, and the Cardinals' chances seemed dim.

But the 6-foot-9 Ellison paced the

deficit back to one.

Wagner put Louisville ahead when he shook loose for a layup with 3:22 left. Duke regained the lead when Dawkins made a pair of foul shots but Thompson then pulled the

game with a career total of 1,825 points, scored only nine, almost six and at Georgia Tech in their next points under his average.

Dawkins, the leading scorer in Duke's history, finished with 24 points. Henderson added 14, Alarie 12 and Amaker 11.

Louisville, which has been in four of the last seven Final Fours, pre-viously won the crown in 1980. The Metro Conference champion finished strongly after playing the toughest non-conference schedule in the country, winning 21 of its last

Duke has never won an NCAA ti-

Wagner's three-point play cut to UCLA in 1964 and Kentucky in

Ellison, a 6-foot-9 center, took over inside, scoring 25 points and pulling in 11 rebounds as he lifted No. 7 Louisville to a 72-69 victory

"I thought he made some great athletic moves around the basket and that did surprise me," Alarie back and hit from inside to cut the over ton-ranked. Duke jumped to a 15-8 lead with Dawkins hitting 11 points on long and short jumpers. The quickness of Dawkins and the 6-foot Amaker forced 14 Louisville turnovers in the Duke jumped to a 15-8 lead with

Ellison was named the tourna-ment's Most Valuable Player, the first freshman to earn the prize since Arnie Ferrin won it for Utah's 1944

Amaker's four free throws gave Duke its biggest lead of the first half, 31-23. Louisville's backcourt of Hall and Wagner was not a factor, but the Cardinals' rebounding kept them in the game. Ellison scored three field goals, the last after his steal, to tie it

Dawkins' jumper with three sec-onds left gave the Blue Devils their halftime cushion.

Louisville, the No. 2 seed in the West, knocked off Drexel, Bradley, North Carolina, Auburn and Louisiana State to reach the final.

Duke, with a nucleus of four seniors who had been 11-17 in their Cardinals away for good.

Thompson, a 6-7 senior, added 13
points for Louisville, while Crook
had 10. Wagner, who entered the were at North Carolina on Jan. 18 game three days later.

They were top seeded in the East and beat Mississippi Valley State, Old Dominion, DePaul, Navy and No. 2 Kansas.

Duke, which didn't shoot particularly well from the field throughout the tournament, made up for it in previous games with rebounding and defense. The Devils shot only 40 percent from the field, while Louisville hit 58 percent.

But Duke's rebounding domi-nance was missing. Louisville had a Louisville comeback with the help of tle. This was the Blue Devils' fifth 39-27 advantage on the boards.



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# Lady Longhorns 'sub' way to 1st national title

AUSTIN (AP) - What is amazing about Texas' 97-81 defeat of Southern Cal for the NCAA women's basketball championship is that Texas' starters combined for only 39 points.

The Lady Longhorn "subs," however, outscored the Women of Troy 58-4, with Clarissa Davis leading Texas with 24 points, in Sunday's Davis, a 6-foot-1 freshman described by UT

ach lody Conradt as the player of the fuwas voted as the Most Valuable Player in the tournament even though she didn't start. She had 56 points and 32 rebounds in two games, playing 51 of 80 minutes.

The title is Texas' first in women's basketball,

and 3,300 cheering, singing fans gathered at the Frank Erwin Center Sunday night to welcome

"You are the best there is," former congress-

woman Barbara Jordan, a regular spectator, told the team. "You've taught the United States of America a lesson. You have taught us what a

The players, driven to courtside in open limousines, signed autographs for an hour.

Eleven Lady Longhorns played and all but one injured reserve scored in the championship game. UT set records for total points scored in

Texas finished the season at 34-0, with its closest games a 78-76 road victory over Ohio State in UT's season opener and a 66-63 home triumph over Mississippi in the Midwest Regional final.

"I told them in the locker room that I thought this was the best team ever in women's basketball," Conradt said. "We may not have any great players like (USC's) Cheryl Miller, but we have

some who are sitting here that would be starting

elsewhere."
"This is the deepest team in women's basketball," said Conradt. "Who starts means absolutely

All-Americans Kamie Ethridge only had three points, Andrea Lloyd five, Annette Smith four and Gay Hemphill eight in the title game. Smith was a 1984 All-American but sat out last year NAIA All-American and transferred from Wayland Baptist.

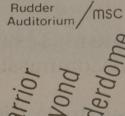
Texas' reserves — Davis, Hemphill, Cara Priddy, Yulonda Wimbish and C.J. Jones — outscored and outrebouned the starters.

"I would be hard-pressed to put together a senior class like this," Conradt said. "I would be hard-pressed to put together a basketball team

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