

# Sports

## NCAA announces 64-team field for richest tournament in history

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Indiana, North Carolina, Georgetown and top-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas were made the top four seeds Sunday as the 64-team bracket was announced for the richest-ever NCAA Basketball Tournament.

They were joined by third-ranked Purdue, fifth-ranked DePaul and No. 6 Iowa as the nine-man selection committee's actions declared that most of the best college teams are in the eastern United States.

But Louisville and Villanova, the last two NCAA tournament winners, were excluded from the tournament.

Virginia, Pittsburgh and Georgia were among the eastern teams shipped to the western regional, where UNLV's 33-1 Running Rebels are seeded No. 1.

Four conferences placed a total of 23 teams in the tournament. The At-

lantic Coast, Big Ten and Southeastern conferences had six teams each in the tournament; the Big East had five.

Georgetown was made the top seed in the Southeast regional while North Carolina, an upset victim to North Carolina State in the Atlantic Coast Tournament, was the No. 1 seed in the East. Coach Bob Knight's fourth-ranked Indiana Hoosiers are No. 1 in the Midwest.

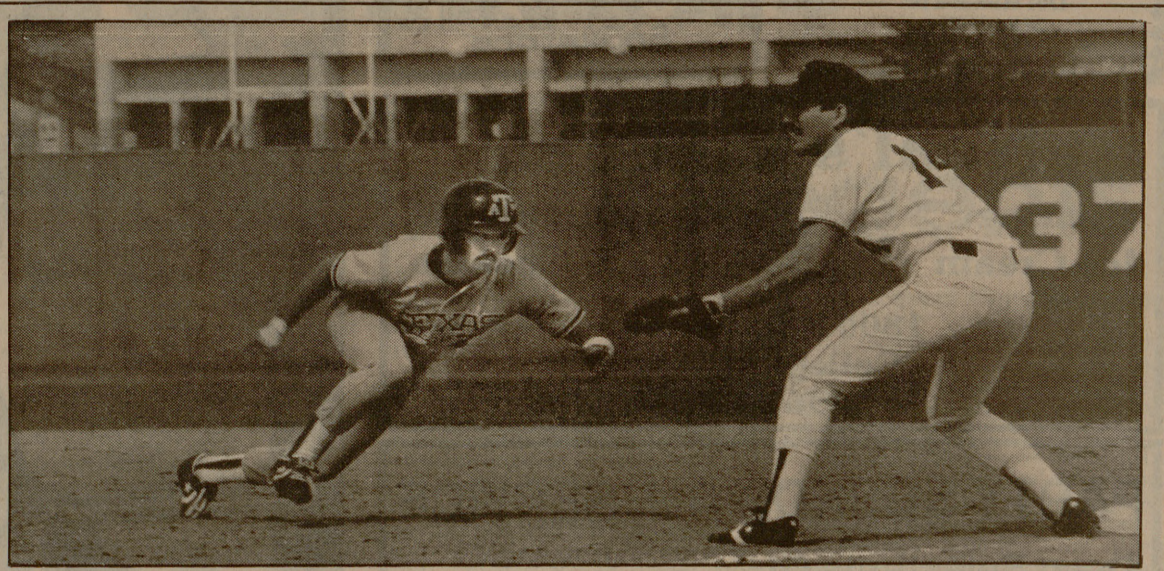
First and second round competition will be held at eight sites around the nation beginning Thursday. Regional competition the following weekend will be held at Louisville in the Southeast; East Rutherford, N.J., in the East regional; Cincinnati in the Midwest; and Seattle in the West.

One bit of controversy immediately arose when the Metro Conference was denied its automatic bid be-

cause its tournament champion, Memphis State, is on probation and ineligible for post-season action. Memphis State defeated defending national champion Louisville in the tournament final Sunday, but the Cardinals, whose record was 18-14, weren't chosen for the field.

The four regional winners will gather at the Superdome in New Orleans at the end of March for the first \$1 million final four. A record payout of almost \$25 million is projected.

Each final four team will receive a shade more than \$1 million according to NCAA projections. The minimum payout will be \$200,000 for the 32 first round losers. Second round losers will receive about \$400,000, third round losers about \$600,000 and losers in the regional finals about \$800,000.



Texas A&M right fielder Don Wren slides head-first back to first base as Central Michigan's Doug

Noch prepares for the pickoff attempt. A&M swept the Chippewas to up its record to 19-2-1.

## SWC lands 3 teams in NCAA tournament

DALLAS (AP) — Three Southwest Conference teams earned bids on Sunday to the NCAA Basketball Tournament after concern there might just be one.

Texas Christian won the SWC regular season crown by a runaway four-game edge, and it had been questionable whether anyone else would be invited if the Horned Frogs won the league's post-season tournament.

But TCU lost in the first round to Texas A&M, which won the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament with its 71-46 victory over Baylor in the championship game Sunday afternoon. The Aggies (17-13) will play Duke (22-8) on Thursday in the Midwest Regionals in Indianapolis.

TCU, as expected, still was invited

as an at-large team, and Houston — which lost to Baylor by two points in a SWC tournament semifinal game — also got an at-large bid.

TCU (23-6) will meet Marshall (25-5) on Thursday in a first-round game of the East Regional at Charlotte, N.C.

The Cougars were invited after UCLA wrapped up the Pacific Ten automatic NCAA bid with a 76-64 victory over Washington. Had Washington won, 18th-ranked UCLA would have gotten the last at-large invitation instead of Houston.

Houston (18-11) will play Kansas (23-9) in the Southeast Regional on Friday at the Omni in Atlanta.

Texas-El Paso (24-6), winner of the Western Athletic Conference, will meet Arizona (18-11) in the West regional Friday at Tucson, Ariz.

## A&M netters grab 2 wins

The Texas A&M men's tennis team picked up two wins in the Corpus Christi Team Tournament over the weekend, defeating Maryland and Mississippi.

The Aggies were led by Marcel Vos and Dean Goldfine, who were unbeaten in both singles and doubles matches. The two wins improved A&M's record to 11-2.

A&M beat Maryland 5-2 as No. 2 singles player Vos beat James Schor 6-4, 6-4, and No. 3 Goldfine won 6-2, 6-0 over Harold Castillo. No. 1 player Dean Johnson lost 7-6, 6-3 to Carlos Claverie.

A&M topped Mississippi 6-2 as both Johnson and Goldfine won hard-fought three-set matches. No. 1 Johnson came back to defeat Jim Williams 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and No. 2 Golfine won 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 over Aaron Barrick. Vos topped Joey Johnson 6-3, 6-0.

## Taylor's, Byington's grand slam home runs lift Aggies to sweep of Central Michigan

By Doug Hall  
Sports Writer

Prior to the beginning of the 1987 baseball season, one of Texas A&M Head Coach Mark Johnson's main worries was the Aggies' ability to play together as a team. In other words, to have "team chemistry."

This chemistry is usually developed, he said, from playing in close, pressure-packed ball games.

Well if that's the case, then following this weekend's three-game sweep of Central Michigan, the Aggies should have no trouble making an A in Chemistry 101.

A&M, led by game-winning grand slams by freshmen John Byington (to win Friday's game 6-3) and Terry Taylor (to win Saturday's second game 10-6) improved its season record to 19-2-1

and sent a tough Central Michigan team back north with some tough memories.

"Central Michigan is a very good team," Johnson said. "They've got five people back from last year's team that were drafted. Their outfield made some great plays this weekend. So my hat goes off to them for really playing well."

Much like Friday's opening game where Byington's homer erased a 3-2 Chippewa lead, Taylor's shot over the right-field fence enabled the Aggies to overcome five defensive errors and numerous base-running mistakes.

After spotting the Chippewas a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the second game on Rick Seller's home run, Sean Snedeker settled down and allowed just one run on

three hits over the next five innings. Meanwhile, the Aggies were battling back to a 3-3 tie, thanks in part to 12 bases on balls from Central Michigan.

In the bottom of the ninth, right fielder Don Wren walked to start the inning and was sacrificed to second by Ever Magallanes. Chippewa Head Coach Don Kreiner then elected to walk the Aggies' leading hitter Scott Livingstone and designated hitter Byington, setting the stage for Taylor's heroics.

In the first game, Tim Herrmann held the Chippewas to three hits and no runs as the Aggies used two first-inning runs to defeat Central Michigan 2-0.

A&M will play Washington State today in a single game at Olsen Field beginning at 3 p.m.

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