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TCU ousted from NIT by Purdue

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) – Craig Riley scored 12 of his 18 points in the second half as the Purdue Boilermakers beat Texas Christian 67-51 Monday night in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament.

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The Boilermakers (18-14) broke the game open in the second half by hitting free throws against foul-plagued Horned Frogs (23-11).

Purdue scored eight consecutive points to take the lead for good. Brandon Brantley ignited the spurt by muscling in for a layup, giving the Boilermakers a 43-41 edge. Cuonzo Martin and Matt Waddell each made one free throw before Waddell and Woody

Austin scored to give the Boilermakers a 49-41 lead. The Horned Frogs cut the deficit to 51-47 with 5:10 remaining but the Boilermakers, who got into the free throw bonus with 10:01 to play and started shooting two shots with 5:01 left, pulled away by scoring 13 of their final 18 points on free throws.

Two Waddell free throws with 5:01 to play gave Purdue a 53-47 lead. Ian Stanback made two free throws with 4:21 to play. Linc Darner followed with a 3-pointer and the decisive spurt ended with two free throws apiece by Darner and Riley.

Texas Christian was led by Reggie Smith with 21 points, but his team went scoreless for more than four minutes in the second half and shot just 36.7 percent in the period.

Austin contributed 14 points to the victory and Waddell had 13 for the Boilermakers. Al Thomas had 13 for Texas Christian, but had only two in the second half when his team made 11 of 30 shots.

Thomas, with three baskets from 3-point range scored 11 points as the Horned Frogs opened a 19-12 advantage in the first 10 minutes. But he picked up his second foul early and his team began struggling on offense. Texas Christian, which made just nine of 23 shots in the first half, scored a single point in the 6:39 Thomas sat on the bench.

Purdue used a 10-1 run to take its first lead at 22-20 behind two straight jumpers from Austin.

Austin's 3-pointer tied the game 25-25 with 2:31 left in the first half, which ended 27-25 on a tip-in by Smith with 50 seconds left.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Johnny Dawkins scored 11 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter as the Philadelphia 76ers snapped a five-game losing streak with a 105-92 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night.

The 76ers, who fell into 11th place in the Eastern Conference with the losing streak, pulled into a ninth-place tie with Miami with the victory. The top eight teams in each conference make the playoffs

The Spurs, who won six of their seven previous games, fell three games behind first-place Utah in the Midwest Division despite 30 points and 15 rebounds by David Robinson.

Hersey Hawkins led Philadelphia with 21 points, while Armon Gilliam scored 20. Terry Cummings had 19 for San Antonio, which managed just one field goal and eight points in the final 8:28

Dawkins gave the Sixers a 96-87 lead with a jumper with 4:56 left, then added a 3-pointer with

Charles Barkley's two free throws with eigs seconds left gave Philadelphia a 82-77 lead head into the final quarter. Cummings kept the Spurs in the game with

third-quarter points as Robinson sat out a port of the period to get his injured left hand taped. Trent Tucker's pair of 3-pointers helped Spurs open a 41-38 lead with 6:08 remaining in first half before Hawkins scored seven straig

points to help the Sixers take a 57-55 advantage MSC G

Robinson finished the first half with 19 point and seven rebounds. Hawkins topped the Size with 15 points on 7-for-10 shooting.

Behind Gilliam's eight points, the Sixers we on a 16-2 run to take a 19-8 lead midway throu the first quarter. But Robinson's 12 first-quar points enabled the Spurs to close to 29-24 at end the period.

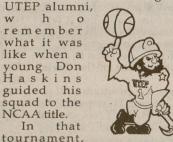
Texas-El Paso recaptures glory days with unexpected trip to Sweet 16

EL PASO, Texas (AP) – It's voices of fans, including 1966 Regional Championship and head 1966 all over again. After a 66-60 upset of top-

seeded Kansas, Texas-El Paso is in the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 26 years and this city is believing the Miners can repeat history

'Our win was no fluke," said Margaret Heard, an elementary school teacher spending her first day of spring break watching the Miners practice.

Radio call-in shows were jammed Monday morning with



tournament, the Miners beat Kansas and Cincinnati to take the Midwest to the Final Four. The Miners face Cincinnati (27-4) on Friday in Kansas City

After taking care of Utah, 85-78, the Miners shocked the nation using an all-black starting lineup to snatch the NCAA tournament crown with a 72-65 victory over No. 1 Kentucky

"I remember the '66 team," Heard, 43, said. "I remember watching the whole tournament on television. I listened to the radio all the time. I remember that

so clearly."

Heard was among a throng of people who packed the El Paso International Airport to greet the 27-6 Miners when they returned home shortly after midnight Monday.

Airport Manager George Perry estimated the crowd's size at about 3,000, but other estimates were as high as 5,000.

Even during the Gulf War when we were required by federal regulations to keep the concourse closed, we never saw congestion 81-73.

like this," Perry said.

It was quite a turnout for a team whose coach had spent much of the regular season pleading with fans to shell out \$11 to fill the 12,000-seat arena. Miners' game attendance averaged about 7,100 this season.

Some of the fans had been at No. 19 in the nation during regular season, but four w the airport for two hours, first later were dropped from rankings after back-to-back lo arriving to greet another area team that is headed for the Sweet to New Mexico and Air Force. 16, New Mexico State which defeated Southwestern Louisiana their past 10 games, they ne returned to the national ranki



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Sixers beat Spurs, end losing streak

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"We believed all year

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Coast that the Southwest

basketball teams that can p

with them," said Heidi Wilcox,

a season ticket holder

The Miners climbed as hig

Despite winning their nin

and hometown fans became

apathetic, Haskins used his ca

show to urge residents to be

"I'm not trying to be con but we deserve the nation

attention after beating the N team in the nation," said Joh

Melvin, who led the Miners 18 points and five assists ag

Rangers rally

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)

Kevin Reimer hit a two-

homer in the ninth inning to a

four-run rally, giving the Ter Rangers a 4-3 victory over

Minnesota Twins on Monday

with a 3-0 lead, thanks

hitless innings by rookie

Aguilera (0-1) surrendered

Geno Petralli opened ninth with a single and moved

runs before recording an out

third on a double by Rata Palmeiro. Ruben Sierra's dom scored Petralli and Palmen

Reimer then hit a towering hom

into a pond over the right wall to give Texas a 4-3 lead.

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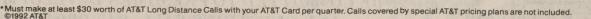
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field wall by Donnie Hill. Win recogn Wayne Rosenthal struck of available Bernardo Brito before walking Finance Shane Mack to load the base Departm Terry Jorgensen then struck out Student end the game.

Pedro Munoz was 2-for-3 two RBIs for the Twins. Bit Harper also was 2-for-3. Mosque

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champion. In right field is Ruben Sierra, arguably the best player in baseball. And finally there is Juan Gonzalez. Last season, at the ripe age of 21, he led the Rangers with 28 homeruns in his first major league season.

And for what it's worth, th 1992 Texas Rangers will be the most exciting team in baseball A power-packed offense coupled with shaky pitching translates into runs.

Runs for everyone And this season also means the cheapest seats at Arlingto Stadium, the bleachers, will be the best. Not for viewing purposes, but for going home with a souvenir.

There will be more homeruns hit at Arlington Stadium this year than ever before. And who cares if they come off Sierra's bat or Jose Canseco's bat - They will all & authentic major league baseballs.

And the Rangers, hopefully, will find an authentic pitching staff during spring training. We're not looking for a top-notch staff. One that just slightly resemb a collection of major league talent is fine.

The Rangers' offense only needs the slightest of help.