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**BY BLAINE DIONNE** 

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ent, meanwhile, would have "I tell you, that's a tough loss," mpany is forced to change A&M women's tennis coach Bobby issues a verdict, he would Kleinecke said. "We're right there rings to determine what king and to come up with it just a hair short licrosoft would likely appear - you know? ing up the case for severaly

Sophomore Martina Nedorostova timately overturn parts, in, upset 18th-ranked Ipek Senoglu, 6-4, -6 (3) at No. 1 singles to open up the varned lawyers that he we scoring for the Aggies.

ruling as early as Tuesday The Waves quickly answered with nificant progress towardrag a victory of their own at No. 6, with seor Kathryn Scott dropping her match gainst Nadine Rastetter, 6-0, 5-7, 6-1. would not be issued Tusani halting her five-game winning streak.

At No. 4 singles, Aggie sophomore ials - including Gates-Leah Killen was able to dispose of her nt attorneys just days beiner opponent in three sets, 6-1, 1-6, 6-1, iled its original complaint ving the Aggies a 2-1 lead. opeared likely until gove Pepperdine tied things up again af-

d that Gates reconsidered r Lisa Dingwall's three set loss to The deal fell through, and Dorthee Kurz, 2-6, 6-3, 6-0, at No. 5. The Waves then took the lead for

ssues a verdict, he would's good when Monika Horvath beat A&M earings to determine what freshman Olivia Karlikova in three sets, , 4-6, 6-3 at No. 2 and Cintia Tor-

torella put away Aggie freshman Cassie Haas, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4, at No. 3, giving Peperdine a 4-2 lead going into doubles.

After falling behind early, the No. 2 doubles team of Haas and Scott fought back to tie the Waves 7-7 before falling 9-7 to their counterparts.

The No. 1 doubles team of Nedorostova and Dingwall actually held a 7-4 lead at one point before dropping their match, 9-7, as well.

The bright spot for the Aggies was that the No. 3 doubles team of Killen and Karlikova defeated Horvath and Tortorella 8-5, but it was not enough.

Afterwards, Pepperdine coach Gualberto Escudero was surprised at the difficulty his team had in putting the Aggies away.

"I thought that they [A&M] had lost enough 5-4 matches to fold against us when the pressure got great," Escudero said. "But they never folded -- except at the very, very end. But no, I didn't really expect it to be this close.'

There was some controversy after the match over a variable that contributed to the Aggies' play, the crowd.

Members of the men's tennis team. who had just upset the Pepperdine men in a historic match, along with other fans, were constantly cheering - and sometimes jeering — the Pepperdine players. Needless to say, Escudero was none too pleased

"It upset the girls quite a bit," Escudero said. "It was just completely unfair."

Kleinecke had no comment on the matter

#### Waves narrowly edge NCAA tourney down to two teams

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Michigan State and Florida both started the season in the Top 10 and never dropped far below. Now they're the only teams left. Similarities over.

While the Spartans are most effective in a half-court game, where they can crash the boards and be physical, the Gators prefer to play at warp speed, using a 10man rotation and full-court pressure.

Michigan State (31-7) was the only No. 1 seed to reach the Final Four and has lived up to the role in its bid for the national championship.

The Spartans won every game in the NCAA tournament by at least 11 points, including Saturday night's 53-41 victory over Wisconsin.

Florida, seeded fifth, got a first-round scare from Butler before wearing down higher-seeded teams -Illinois, top-ranked Duke and Oklahoma State — with its hectic pace. The Gators (29-7) used the same style to end North Carolina's surprising run with a 71-59 win Saturday night.

"We like to run, too," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "Maybe some of that is our style also. ... I think we have an understanding for that. I think these guvs want to run, too.'

The Spartans can get up and down the court, having scored more than 80 points nine times this season.

In the tournament, however, they have averaged 68.2 with the five starters averaging between 27 and 35 minutes a game and only two reserves averaging more than 10.

Florida has averaged 79.4 points in the five tournament games, just off its 84.1 mark for the season. The 10 Gators who create all that havoc on the floor average between 13 and 31 minutes a game

Michigan State starts three seniors, while Florida has one on the team and plays seven sophomores and freshmen in the rotation.

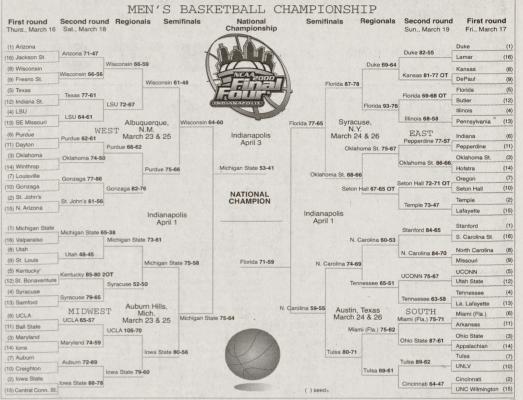
"Our youthfulness has won us a lot of basketball games this year," said Kenyan Weaks, Florida's lone member of the Class of 2000. "I don't know if that's going to be a big problem in this game.

The Spartans were going to use an age-old method to prepare for Florida's full-court press Monday night. We always go against six or seven guys in prac-

tice and I'm sure we'll have a bunch of players out there today," Michigan State forward Andre Hutson said Sunday.

Florida coach Billy Donovan believes people are getting the wrong impression about his team.

"People think it's just running and jacking up 3point shots," Donovan said. "We put a tremendous emphasis on guarding the 3-point line. Basically, every team in the country, when they go to practice, is going to practice their half-court offense.



"I do think we need to get more scoring out of our bench and I think we have the potential," Izzo said. "As far as wearing us down, I think we'll utilize our bench enough so it doesn't."

Donovan won't change a thing.

'We're going to play our guys like we normally have and I don't know if we'll be able to wear Michigan State down," he said. "We have to just try and play our style

Michigan State is trying to become the first Big Ten team to win the national championship since Michigan in 1989.

The Spartans' only national championship came in

1979 when Magic Johnson led them to the title as a sophomore.

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The Spartans are in the Final Four for the second straight year. They lost to Duke in the semifinals last season.

"That was cool but we went home empty-handed," Cleaves said. "It's great to get here but you'll always be remembered as a national champion.

Florida is looking for its first national championship while keeping alive the Southeastern Conference's even-year streak. Arkansas won in 1994 and Kentucky won in 1996 and 1998.

Donovan, one of six men to play and coach in a Final Four, will try to join even more select company.

Only Bob Knight and Dean Smith have played in a Final Four and coached a national champion. At 34, Donovan would be the third-youngest coach to win it all behind Indiana's Branch McCracken in 1940 and Wisconsin's Harold Foster in 1941.

"I haven't focused on the fact we're 40 minutes from a national championship," Donovan said. "Probably more that we're playing Michigan State and what we have to do to beat them."

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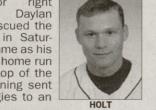
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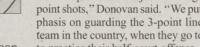
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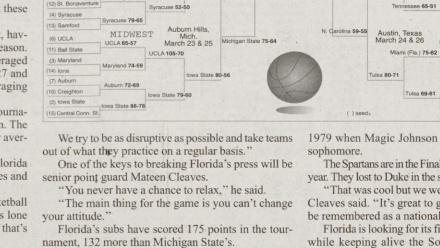
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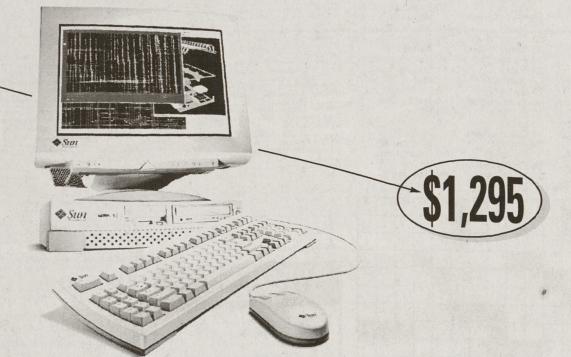
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