

## BRIEFS

### Turriff receives NSIC award

**MANKATO** — Minnesota State's Trevor Turriff has been named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's Outstanding Senior of the Year for wrestling.

The award is presented to a student-athlete who participates at their institution for four years and is academically superior while making a positive contribution to the team and university.

Turriff, a two-time All-American, who won a national championship at 174 pounds this season. He was 21-3 this season with three pins and six major decisions.

Turriff, who has a 3.79 grade-point average in business, was named to the Northern Sun's All-Academic Team/Team of Excellence and was a National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American.

Turriff is also a member of the Minnesota State Student Athlete Advisory Committee. He has volunteered as a youth wrestling official and camp clinician and with the Kiwanis Holiday Lights and the Mankato Marathon.

### Geistfeld chosen for All-Star team

**MANKATO** — Bethany Lutheran senior Hanna Geistfeld has been selected to the NCAA III all-star team, which is chosen by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

The all-stars were chosen by a committee composed of head women's basketball coaches at NCAA Division III programs, all of whom are members of the WBCA. All players were nominated by WBCA member coaches.

There used to be an all-star game associated with the Women's Division III Final Four, but there will not be a game this year due to COVID protocols.

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### Vikings sign Packers' corner

**EAGAN** — Former Green Bay Packers cornerback Chandon Sullivan signed with the Minnesota Vikings on Friday, the latest player to switch from one NFC North rival to another.

The 25-year-old Sullivan played more than 76% of the snaps on defense last season for Green Bay, mostly in the slot position in the nickel package. He didn't miss a game in three years with the Packers and had five interceptions and 16 passes defended from 2019-21.

Undrafted out of Georgia State, where he became the program's career interception leader, Sullivan broke into the NFL in 2018 with Philadelphia.

The Vikings have made a habit of signing ex-Packers over the years, including their most recent addition earlier this week: outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith.

Sullivan will likely fill the role last held by Mackensie Alexander, who became a free agent. The only other cornerbacks on the roster currently are Cameron Dantzler, Kris Boyd, Harrison Hand and Parry Nickerson. Patrick Peterson also became a free agent but remains a candidate to re-sign.

*The Associated Press*

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## Mavericks set to play Notre Dame in NEXT ROUND



Photos by Matt Dewkett, special to The Free Press

Ondrej Pavel scored the eventual game-winning goal in the Minnesota State men's hockey team's 4-3 win over Harvard on Thursday.

### MSU hopes to solve tough Irish penalty kill

By Kevin Dudley

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**ALBANY, N.Y.** — The Minnesota State men's hockey team didn't play its most complete game Thursday against Harvard, but it was enough, as the Mavericks hung on to win 4-3 despite a spirited comeback by the Crimson.

MSU (36-5-0) will now play third-seeded Notre Dame (28-11-0) in the NCAA Tournament's East Regional final at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at MVP Arena in Albany, New York.

Here are five things to know about the matchup:

**1. Another controversy:** It appeared the Fighting Irish had won their first-round game against North Dakota 2-1 in regulation Thursday until ... more replay-related controversy. Notre Dame's Adam Karashik appeared to fire a rebound into the net in the final second of the third period, clearly before the green light, as well as the TV broadcast, showed time had expired. The call on the ice was a good goal. Then, after a 12-minute review, the goal was disallowed, with the NCAA explaining in a statement that the TV broadcast clock, as well as the green light, aren't official. Notre Dame eventually ended up winning in overtime. The controversy came just five days after MSU experienced a delay of about an hour, only to have a game-winning goal disallowed in its CCHA championship game victory over Bemidji State.

"I think I've spent a lot of time here in the last couple of weeks talking overtime and goals going in or not going in," MSU coach Mike Hastings said with a laugh. "At the end of the day, I think we're all about just trying to get it right."

**2. Special teams battle:** The Notre Dame penalty kill ranks second in Division I at 90.68%, while MSU's power play also ranks second at 27.16%. MSU has scored eight power-play goals in five games since the start of the CCHA playoffs.

"They pressure hard up the ice and they're not afraid to try to



Reggie Lutz scored a power-play goal in Minnesota State's 4-3 victory over Harvard on Thursday. The MSU power ranks second in Division I at 27.16%.

#### How to follow

Radio: KTOE 1420-AM

TV: ESPNU

Watch parties: Buffalo Wild Wings, Tav on the Ave

score shorthanded goals," said Reggie Lutz, who plays on MSU's first power play unit. "They're obviously a great penalty-killing team, and we watched a little video on that. Hopefully we're able to expose a few things on that tomorrow."

**3. A day to prepare:** Having a day between games is new at the NCAA regionals, as the regional final was previously played the day after the two first-round games. The change was made because the team that won the early first-round game had more recovery time than the team that won the second first-round game. Hastings said MSU practiced for just over 40 minutes Friday, using it as mostly a rest day.

"You really don't want fatigue to be a factor in the next step, because you want to try and earn that," Hastings said. "The time of day that you play shouldn't be an advantage or disadvantage."

**4. The state of MSU:** The Mavericks have won 25 of their last 26 games, including a program record 16 straight. They've lost just once since November. MSU secured

its second consecutive berth in the region championship with the win over Harvard, which Hastings hopes his team learned from.

"We had a good start, and then we had to face some adversity. Then we found a way to get through that adversity and move on. Those are valuable experiences," Hastings said. "You want to be playing in this game. You want to have the opportunity to move on to Boston."

#### 5. Scouting the Fighting Irish:

Notre Dame is 7-4 against NCAA Tournament teams this season. They're 4-1 against Michigan, the tournament's No. 1 overall seed. MSU lost to Michigan 3-2 in October. The Irish play a hard-nosed, disciplined style and are tied for fifth in the nation in goals allowed per game (2.1). Notre Dame features a balanced scoring attack with seven players between 24 and 28 points. Max Ellis is their leading scorer (16-12—28).

"You can tell they take a lot of pride just working their D-zone out," Lutz said. "Just watching the game last night, North Dakota had a few good chances, but overall, they just kind of smothered them."

"It's going to take a few greasy (goals)."

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## Twins among baseball's offseason winners

By Mac Cerullo

CNHI Sports Boston

This has been one of the most chaotic offseasons in Major League Baseball history, with two all-out sprints sandwiching 99 days of absolute silence.

Now, with nearly all of the big free agents off the board, we finally have a general idea of the competitive landscape heading into the new season.

Simply put, a lot of teams got better, but some more than others. Here's a quick rundown of some of the offseason's big winners and losers.

### Winner: Minnesota Twins

Who could have seen this coming?

Not only did the Twins trade for Reds starter Sonny Gray and for Yankees catcher Gary Sanchez and infielder Gio Urshela, but they also shocked the baseball world by landing the top free agent on the market. By signing ex-Astros shortstop Carlos Correa to a three-year, \$105.3 million deal, the Twins served notice to the rest of baseball and should be ready to quickly bounce back from last year's fifth-place flameout.

### Loser: Houston Astros

Losing Correa to the Twins is

going to be a tough pill for Astros fans to swallow, especially if the reports that owner Jim Crane never reached out after the lockout are true.

Houston is still the favorite in the AL West but after five straight ALCS appearances, the Astros definitely won't be as good heading into 2022.

### Winner: Texas Rangers

The Texas Rangers had one of the worst offenses in baseball last year, so before the lockout the club went out and spent half-billion dollars to address that.

## Wolves avenge loss to Dallas

By Dave Campbell

The Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Karl-Anthony Towns had 20 points and nine rebounds and the Minnesota Timberwolves made up for a narrow loss at Dallas four days earlier by tightening up their defense and blowing out the Mavericks 116-95 on Friday night.

Jordan McLaughlin had a season-high 16 points on 6-for-8 shooting for the Timberwolves. They moved a half-game behind idle Denver for the sixth spot that they badly want in the Western Conference to avoid the play-in tournament.

The Timberwolves, who stopped a two-game losing streak, play the Nuggets next week.

Luka Doncic had 24 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Mavericks, who missed an opportunity to pass Utah for sole possession of fourth place in the Western Conference.

The Mavericks are tied with the Jazz, who lost at Charlotte on Friday, in the fight for home-court advantage for their likely first-round matchup. Dallas and Utah face each other Sunday.

Dwight Powell pitched in 13 points for the Mavericks. They also fumbled their chance to move a season-high 18 games above the .500 mark.

The Mavericks held on for a 110-108 victory over Minnesota in Dallas on Monday night, a game the Timberwolves had the upper hand in until a late lapse — and a whistle that didn't go their way.

Then they squandered a 15-point third-quarter advantage Wednesday night at home in a loss to NBA-leading Phoenix while Devin Booker and the Suns shredded their second-half coverages.

The Timberwolves lead the league in opponent turnovers, boasting a streak of 71 games of forcing 10 or more, and they matched their usual aggression with some needed consistency on the defensive end. Doncic had to work for everything he got, pestered by Patrick Beverley, Anthony Edwards and Taurean Prince at various times.

Doncic delivered his usual array of slick passes, including a one-handed feed through Prince's legs on the bounce to Max Kleber for a dunk in the first quarter, but the cold Mavericks cost him a bunch more assists.

The Mavericks, who are missing sharpshooter Tim Hardaway Jr. as he recovers from foot surgery, went 10 for 43 from 3-point range. Reggie Bullock was 1 for 11, and Jalen Brunson was 4 for 12.

### Sore in the second

Minnesota's bench had a 47-38 scoring advantage. The reserves were on a roll in the second quarter, but that was a painful stretch.

Naz Reid limped off with a leg injury, though he returned. Malik Beasley sprained his ankle and did not return.

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# SCORECARD

## TV Today

Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts

**Saturday, March 26**  
**AUTO RACING**  
 8:55 a.m.  
 ESPN2 — Formula 1: Practice, Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
 9 a.m.  
 FS1 — NASCAR Cup Series: Qualifying, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas  
 11:55 a.m.  
 ESPN2 — Formula 1: Qualifying, Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
 Noon  
 FS1 — NASCAR Camping World Truck Series: The XPEL 225, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas  
 3:30 p.m.  
 FS1 — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Pit Boss 250, Circuit of the Americas, Austin, Texas  
 9 p.m.  
 USA — AMA Supercross: Round 12, Seattle  
**BOXING**  
 9 p.m.  
 ESPN — Top Rank: Miguel Berchelt vs. Jeremiah Nakahihia (Lightweights), Las Vegas  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
 4 p.m.  
 BTN — Rutgers at Penn St.  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
 2 p.m.  
 CBS — NCAA Division II Tournament: NW Missouri St. vs. Augusta, Championship, Evansville, Ind.  
 4 p.m.  
 TBS — NCAA Tournament: Houston vs. Villanova, Elite Eight, San Antonio  
 7:30 p.m.  
 TBS — NCAA Tournament: Arkansas vs. Duke, Elite Eight, San Francisco  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
 10:30 a.m.  
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Notre Dame vs. NC State, Sweet Sixteen, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 1 p.m.  
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Indiana vs. UConn, Sweet Sixteen, Bridgeport, Conn.  
 3 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: Tennessee vs. Louisville, Sweet Sixteen, Wichita, Kan.  
 5:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament: South Dakota vs. Michigan, Sweet Sixteen, Wichita, Kan.  
**COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)**  
 3 p.m.  
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Minn. Duluth vs. Denver, Quarterfinal  
 5:30 p.m.  
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament: Notre Dame vs. Minnesota St., Quarterfinal  
**COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)**  
 11 a.m.  
 ESPN — Duke at Syracuse  
 1 p.m.  
 ESPN — Michigan at Johns Hopkins  
**COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)**  
 11 a.m.  
 BTN — Northwestern at Michigan  
 1:30 p.m.  
 BTN — Penn St. at Ohio St.  
**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
 7:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — LSU at Arkansas  
**FIGURE SKATING**  
 3 p.m.  
 USA — ISU World Championships: Men's Free Skate, Montpellier, France  
 5 p.m.  
 USA — ISU World Championships: Free Dance, Montpellier, France  
**GOLF**  
 6 a.m.  
**GOLF — DP World Tour:** The Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, Third Round, Doha Golf Club, Doha, Qatar  
 9 a.m.  
**GOLF — PGA Tour:** The WGC Dell Technologies, Match Play — Round of 16, Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas  
 1 p.m.  
**GOLF — PGA Tour:** The Corales Puntacana Resort Championship, Third Round, Corales Golf Club, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic  
**NBC — PGA Tour:** The WGC Dell Technologies, Match Play — Quarterfinals, Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas  
 4 p.m.  
**GOLF — LPGA Tour:** The JTBC Classic, Third Round, Aviara Golf Club, Carlsbad, Calif.  
**HORSE RACING**  
 7 a.m.  
 FS2 — The Dubai World Cup Undercard: From Meydan Racecourse, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
 11 a.m.  
 FS2 — The Dubai World Cup: From Meydan Racecourse, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
 Noon  
 FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races  
 5 p.m.  
**CNBC — The Louisiana Derby:** From Fair Grounds Race Course, New Orleans  
**LACROSSE (MEN'S)**  
 8:30 p.m.  
 ESPN — NLL: Colorado at Panther City LC  
**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**  
 3 p.m.  
 ESPN — UFC Fight Night Prelims: Undercard Bouts, Columbus, Ohio  
 6 p.m.  
 ESPN — UFC Fight Night Main Card: Curtis Blaydes vs. Chris Daukaus (Heavyweights), Columbus, Ohio  
**MLB BASEBALL**  
 Noon  
 BSN — Spring Training: Minnesota vs. Atlanta, Fort Myers, Fla.  
 MLBN — Spring Training: Tampa Bay vs. Boston, Fort Myers, Fla.  
 3 p.m.  
 MLBN — Spring Training: Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 8 p.m.  
 MLBN — Spring Training: LA Dodgers vs. Kansas City, Surprise, Ariz.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 NBATV — Brooklyn at Miami  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
 11:30 a.m.  
 NHLN — NY Islanders at Boston  
 2 p.m.  
 ABC — Chicago at Vegas  
**RODEO**  
 1 p.m.  
 CBS — PBR: The Lucas Oil Invitational, 15/15 Bucking Battle, Albuquerque, N.M. (Taped)

**Saturday, March 26**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Third Place  
 Eastview vs. Cretin-Derham Hall, 4 p.m.  
 At Williams Arena  
 Park Center vs. Wayzata, 8 p.m.  
**Class AAA**  
**Tuesday, March 22**  
 At Williams Arena  
 Quarterfinal  
 Totino-Grace 83, Hermantown 50  
 Mankato East 68, Mound Westonka 55  
 Princeton 77, Austin 63  
 DeLaSalle 69, St. Cloud Tech 55  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Consolation Semifinal  
 Mound Westonka 64, Hermantown 59  
 St. Cloud Tech 68, Austin 63  
**Thursday, March 24**  
 At Williams Arena  
 Semifinal  
 Totino-Grace 77, Mankato East 39  
 DeLaSalle 77, Princeton 65  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Fifth Place  
 Mound Westonka 65, St. Cloud Tech 61  
**Saturday, March 26**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Third Place  
 Mankato East vs. Princeton, 2 p.m.  
 At Williams Arena  
 Championship  
 Totino-Grace vs. DeLaSalle, 5 p.m.  
**Class AA**  
**Tuesday, March 22**  
 At Williams Arena  
 Quarterfinal  
 Minneapolis North 74, Glencoe-Silver Lake 69  
 Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta 36, Minnehaha Academy 22  
**At Target Center**  
 Caledonia 51, Perham 40  
 Annandale 55, Pequot Lakes 40  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Consolation Semifinal  
 Minnehaha Academy 77, Glencoe-Silver Lake 67  
 Pequot Lakes 58, Perham 38  
**Thursday, March 24**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Fifth Place  
 Minnehaha Academy 79, Pequot Lakes 56  
**Friday, March 25**  
 At Williams Arena  
 Semifinal  
 Minneapolis North vs. Morris Area/Chokio-Alberta, 6 p.m.  
 Annandale 62, Caledonia 55  
**Saturday, March 26**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Third Place  
 Semifinal losers, noon  
 At Williams Arena  
 Championship  
 Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.  
**Class AA**  
**Wednesday, March 23**  
 At Williams Arena  
 Quarterfinal  
 Hayfield 66, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 49  
 Cherry 68, Nevis 57  
 Belgrade-Brooten-Eirosa 70, Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 63  
 New Life Academy 64, Sacred Heart 58  
**Thursday, March 24**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Consolation Semifinal  
 Russell-Tyler-Ruthton 74, Nevis 71  
 Sacred Heart 69, Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 52  
**Friday, March 25**  
 At Williams Arena  
 Semifinal  
 Hayfield 72, Cherry 61  
 Belgrade-Brooten-Eirosa 55, New Life 53  
**Saturday, March 26**  
 At Concordia Univ.  
 Fifth Place  
 Russell-Tyler-Ruthton vs. Sacred Heart, 8 a.m.  
**Third Place**  
 Cherry vs. New Life loser, 10 a.m.  
 At Williams Arena  
 Championship  
 Hayfield vs. Belgrade-Brooten-Eirosa, 11 a.m.

## College hockey

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL**  
 At Times Union Center  
 Albany, N.Y.  
 First Round  
**Thursday, March 24**  
 Minnesota State 4, Harvard 3  
 Notre Dame 2, North Dakota 1, OT  
 Championship  
**Saturday, March 26**  
 Minnesota State vs. Notre Dame, 5:30 p.m.  
**EAST REGIONAL**  
 At DCU Center  
 Worcester, Mass.  
 First Round  
**Friday, March 25**  
 W. Michigan 2, Northeastern 1, OT  
 Minnesota 4, UMass 3, OT  
 Championship  
**Sunday, March 27**  
 W. Michigan vs. Minnesota, 3 p.m.  
**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
 At PPL Center  
 Allentown, Pa.  
 First Round  
**Friday, March 25**  
 Michigan 5, American International 3  
 Quinnipiac 5, St. Cloud State 4  
 Championship  
**Sunday, March 27**  
 Michigan vs. Quinnipiac, 6:30 p.m.  
**WEST REGIONAL**  
 At Budweiser Events Center  
 Loveland, Colo.  
 First Round  
**Thursday, March 24**  
 Minn. Duluth 3, Michigan Tech 0  
 Denver 3, Mass.-Lowell 2  
 Championship  
**Saturday, March 26**  
 Denver vs. Minn. Duluth, 3 p.m.

## MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W	L
Kansas City	5	1
Texas	5	1
Boston	6	3
Chicago	5	3
Los Angeles	4	3
Cleveland	4	3
Toronto	4	3
Detroit	3	3
Baltimore	3	4
Houston	3	4
Seattle	2	3
Minnesota	3	6
Oakland	2	4
New York	2	5
Tampa Bay	1	5
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W	L
St. Louis	5	1
Atlanta	4	1
Miami	4	2
Philadelphia	4	2
Pittsburgh	4	2
Cincinnati	4	3
Chicago	4	4
Colorado	4	4
New York	3	3
Milwaukee	3	4
Arizona	3	5
San Diego	2	4
San Francisco	2	5
Los Angeles	1	3
Washington	1	6

**Friday's Games**  
 Atlanta 6, Boston 3  
 Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Pittsburgh 2, Minnesota 1  
 St. Louis 5, Washington 4  
 Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 4  
 Detroit 8, Toronto 4  
 Colorado 17, Chicago Cubs 1  
 Oakland 6, Milwaukee 3  
 Cleveland 10, San Francisco 2  
 Texas 8, Kansas City 4  
 L.A. Angels 5, Arizona 5  
 Houston 2, N.Y. Mets 1  
 San Diego vs. L.A. Dodgers at Phoenix, Arizona  
 Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle at Peoria, Arizona  
**Saturday's Games**  
 Minnesota vs. Atlanta at North Port, Florida, 12:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Florida, 12:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Florida, 12:05 p.m.  
 Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Florida, 12:05 p.m.

Miami vs. St. Louis at Sarasota, Florida, 12:05 p.m.  
 Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Florida, 12:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox at Phoenix, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.  
 Oakland vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Arizona, 3:05 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs vs. San Diego at Peoria, Arizona, 3:10 p.m.  
 Texas vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Arizona, 3:10 p.m.  
 Seattle vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, Arizona, 3:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Florida, 5:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Arizona, 8:05 p.m.

## NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division					Metropolitan Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Florida	63	43	14	6	92	258	183		
Toronto	63	40	18	5	85	232	191		
Boston	64	40	19	5	85	194	171		
Tampa Bay	63	39	18	6	84	209	180		
Detroit	64	26	31	7	59	186	240		
Buffalo	65	23	33	9	55	174	227		
Ottawa	64	23	36	5	51	167	209		
Montreal	64	17	37	10	44	163	242		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division					Pacific Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Colorado	64	45	14	5	95	245	178		
Minnesota	62	38	20	4	80	231	198		
St. Louis	63	35	19	9	79	224	180		
Nashville	65	37	24	4	78	212	190		
Dallas	63	36	24	3	75	188	188		
Winnipeg	65	30	25	10	70	203	203		
Chicago	60	24	32	9	57	175	224		
Arizona	63	20	39	4	44	164	228		
Thursday's Games									
Florida 4, Montreal 3									
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2									
Dallas 4, Carolina 3, SO									
N.Y. Islanders 5, Detroit 2									
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 2									
Ottawa 5, Winnipeg 2									
Minnesota 3, Vancouver 2, OT									
Edmonton 5, San Jose 2									
Chicago 4, Los Angeles 3, SO									
Vegas 6, Nashville 1									
N.Y. Rangers 5, Pittsburgh 1									
Washington 4, Buffalo 3, SO									
Columbus at Winnipeg									
Arizona at Calgary									
Philadelphia at Colorado									
Saturday's Games									
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 11:30 a.m.									
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.									
Chicago at Vegas, 2 p.m.									
Florida at Ottawa, 6 p.m.									
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.									
Toronto at Montreal, 6 p.m.									
Vancouver at Dallas, 6 p.m.									
Carolina at St. Louis, 7 p.m.									
Columbus at Minnesota, 7 p.m.									
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.									
Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.									
Seattle at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.									

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phila.	45	27	.625	—
Boston	46	28	.622	—
Toronto	41	32	.562	4½
Brooklyn	38	35	.521	7½
New York	32	42	.432	14
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	47	27	.635	—
Charlotte	38	36	.514	9
Atlanta	37	37	.500	10
Washington	31	42	.425	15½
Orlando	20	54	.270	27
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	27	.630	—
Chicago	42	31	.575	4
Cleveland	41	32	.562	5
Indiana	25	49	.338	21½
Detroit	20	54	.270	26½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Memphis	51	23	.689	—
Dallas	45	29	.608	6
New Orleans	31	42	.425	19½
San Antonio	29	44	.397	21½
Houston	18	55	.247	32½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	45	29	.608	—
Denver	43	31	.581	2
Minnesota	43	32	.573	2½
Portland	27	45	.375	17
Oklahoma City	21	52	.288	23½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Phoenix	60	14	.811	—
Golden State	48	26	.649	12
L.A. Clippers	36	38	.486	24
L.A. Lakers	31	42	.425	28½
Sacramento	26	48	.351	34

x-clinched playoff spot  
 y-clinched division  
 z-clinched conference  
**Thursday's Games**  
 Toronto 117, Cleveland 104  
 Memphis 133, Indiana 103  
 Milwaukee 114, Washington 102  
 New Orleans 126, Chicago 109  
 Phoenix 140, Denver 130  
**Friday's Games**  
 Charlotte 107, Utah 101  
 Washington 100, Detroit 97  
 Atlanta 121, Golden State 110  
 Minnesota 116, Dallas 95  
 New York 111, Miami 103  
 Houston at Portland  
 Phila. at L.A. Clippers  
**Saturday's Games**  
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 4 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
 Indiana at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Memphis, 7 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.

## Wolves box score

**DALLAS (95)**  
 Bullock 1-11 0-0 2, Finney-Smith 3-11 0-0 7, Powell 5-7 3-3 13, Brunson 4-12 2-2 11, Donic 8-18 3-5 24, Chris 1-1 0-0 2, Kleber 4-10 0-0 9, Marjanovic 1-2 3-4 5, Dinwiddie 4-10 2-3 11, Green 2-3 2-2 7, Ntilikina 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 35-90 15-19 95.  
**MINNESOTA (116)**  
 Edwards 6-14 0-1 12, Vanderbil 4-5 4-6 12, Towns 7-10 4-4 20, Beverley 3-6 3-3 10, Russell 6-16 2-3 15, Knight 1-3 0-0 2, Layman 1-2 0-0 3, Prince 5-7 2-1 14, Reid 2-3 0-0 4, Beasley 0-2 2-2 2, Bolmaro 0-1 0-0 0, McLaughlin 6-8 1-2 16, Nowell 1-5 1-1 3, Okogie 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 43-84 19-24 116.  
**Dallas** 22 28 17 28 — 95  
**Minnesota** 26 35 28 27 — 116  
**3-Point Goals**—Dallas 10-43 (Donic 5-11, Green 1-1, Dinwiddie 1-5, Brunson 1-6, Kleber 1-6, Finney-Smith 1-8, Bullock 0-6), Minnesota 11-32 (McLaughlin 3-5, Prince 2-4, Towns 2-4, Layman 1-1, Beverley 1-2, Okogie 1-2, Russell 1-6, Beasley 0-1, Nowell 0-3, Edwards 0-4).  
**Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Dallas 45 (Donic 10), Minnesota 45 (Towns 9). **Assists**—Dallas 21 (Donic 8), Minnesota 26 (Russell 8). **Total Fouls**—Dallas 19, Minnesota 21. **A**—17, 136 (19,356)

# Underdogs bust NCAA brackets

## Last chance at perfection ended during first weekend

### The Associated Press

Fourth-seeded Arkansas used what amounted to a sneak attack to take down No. 1 overall seed Gonzaga, not only knocking the Bulldogs out the NCAA Tournament but taking out a whole lot of fans still hoping to win bragging rights and office pools.

Then again, the number of busted brackets before the Elite Eight just might mean everyone gets a second chance.

Defending national champion Baylor? The first No. 1 seed to go down.

Gonzaga and Arizona, two more top seeds and betting favorites, joined the Bears on the sidelines in the Sweet 16.

Kentucky, Tennessee and Auburn? All ousted before the opening weekend was even done.

In the case of the John Calipari's bunch, that meant getting bumped by No. 15 seed Saint Peter's in the opening round, a loss that probably doesn't feel any better even with the Peacocks topping Murray State to reach the Sweet 16.

It all left exasperated Sports