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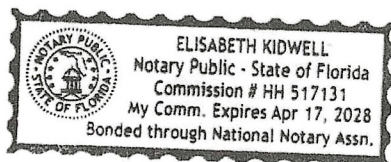
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WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT MARCH MADNESS FIRST-ROUND WINNERS AND LOSERS

Plenty of excitement, frustration on display

Cydney Henderson, Meghan L. Hall
and Mitchell Northam
USA TODAY

The Women's NCAA Tournament has been pretty chalky thus far but that doesn't mean there aren't plenty of storylines to talk about after the first-round games have finished.

The No. 1 seeds UConn, UCLA, South Carolina and Texas easily advanced. The ACC is also looking good in the early going, 8-2 through the first round. Mid-majors in the tournament, on the other hand, have not fared so well.

Clemson lost a game by a millisecond and, after being 14-0 earlier this season, Iowa State got eliminated despite 37 points from Audi Crooks.

Here are the winners and losers from round one of Women's March Madness:

WINNERS

TCU guard Olivia Miles

Miles brought a different level of intensity to the first round of March Madness and recorded 12 points, a career-high 16 rebounds and a program-record 14 assists in TCU's 86-40 blowout win over No. 14 UC San Diego. It marked Miles' sixth triple-double of the season and the 12th of her career. Only Sabrina Ionescu (23) and Caitlin Clark (17) have more career triple-doubles in college women's basketball. It was also the first tournament triple-double by a Big 12 player. Miles' 14 assists tied her career high and set a new TCU single-game record.

TCU head coach Mark Campbell said it was Miles' "best game as a Horned Frog."

"To break our all time single-game assist record while having a triple-double during March Madness. Holy cow," Campbell said.

Texas Tech

Despite last appearing in the NCAA Tournament during the 2012-13 season, No. 7-seeded Texas Tech hadn't won a tournament game since 2005. That changed March 20 after a gritty 57-52 victory against Villanova.

"So super proud of these kids, and first win in the NCAA Tournament in 21 years for the Lady Raider basketball program, and we're super thrilled to have accomplished that," head coach Krista Gerlich said.

The Lady Red Raiders advanced to the second round, where they played No. 2 LSU on March 22. Gerlich acknowledged playing against the No. 1 scoring offense in the country will be a tough task. Still, she was undaunted.

"I don't think we're going to be intimi-



Virginia guards Paris Clark, left, and Jillian Brown embrace after upsetting the Georgia Bulldogs on March 21 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. JULIA HANSEN/IMAGI IMAGES

dated by any means. We've played on the road before in really great environments. This is what it's all about," Gerlich said. "We want that tall task and we understand it is one. We have the utmost respect for LSU and what they've done. We want to be where they are. We want to win a national championship."

Washington guard Avery Howell

Avery Howell was borderline unstoppable in Washington's 72-52 win over South Dakota State on March 20. Howell recorded 30 points, shooting 9 of 16 from the field and a career-high 7 of 13 from the 3-point line. Howell was one rebound away from a double-double with nine rebounds, in addition to two steals and one assist. Howell is the first Washington player to record at least 30 points in an NCAA Tournament game since Kelsey Plum.

"That's crazy," Howell said. "Obviously, (Plum's) a really good player and has a huge legacy of Washington, so I just think that that's cool to be in the same conversation a little bit."

The ACC

Through the first two rounds of the tournament, ACC teams were 8-2 with Clemson and Virginia Tech suffering losses. The league went 2-0 against teams from the SEC, with NC State beating Tennessee by double digits and Virginia defeating Georgia in overtime.

The Cavaliers are the big winners from the league so far, as they're just the second team since the Women's NCAA Tournament expanded to 68 teams in

2022 to advance to the second round out of the First Four. Virginia defeated Arizona State in the First Four. After beating the Bulldogs, a matchup with No. 2 Iowa awaited.

On March 22, the programs nestled in North Carolina's Research Triangle attempted to continue to carry the banner for the conference with matchups against teams from the Big Ten and Big 12. North Carolina got to rekindle an old ACC rivalry by taking on Maryland, Duke faced Baylor and NC State played Michigan.

"There's just a physicality that we play with in the ACC that's different maybe," UNC coach Courtney Banghart said. "I give a lot of credit to the ACC. We've got nine teams into the tournament. We've played against really good guards night after night after night. And so, iron sharpens iron."

LOSERS

Clemson

Clemson guard Mia Moore's March moment was short lived.

No. 8 Clemson and No. 9 Southern Cal were tied at 61-all with four seconds remaining in regulation, when Moore took the ball the entire length of the court and heaved up a desperation shot beyond the 3-point line.

Moore's long-range 3-pointer went in as the final buzzer rang. Her teammates stormed the court while momentarily thinking Moore hit a buzzer-beating game-winner, but the Tigers' celebration was cut short. The shot was waved off and a foul on Moore was determined to have come after the buzzer, sending

the game to overtime. USC went on to win in overtime, 71-67.

"Initially, I thought it was good, but I guess it came off short," Moore said after the game. "I really thought I was going to at least get the foul call there and be able to at least go to the foul line."

Tennessee

Tennessee's free fall this season was hard to watch. The Lady Volunteers lost 11 of their last 13 matchups, including eight straight, to finish with a 16-14 record. The losing streak also included an ugly first-round exit during March Madness to NC State. Tennessee's .552 winning percentage is the lowest the program has ever recorded, and its 16 wins tied a record for fewest victories of the NCAA era.

"There have been very few times that I have hit failure, and I have never hit failure to this extreme," head coach Kim Caldwell said. "It's a tough place to do it publicly, and I didn't like who I was at certain times."

Caldwell admittedly went to a "Plan B" to try to fix Tennessee's problems, but it didn't work. Her plans included seemingly abandoning the Lady Vols' signature press defense at times, tightening the team's rotation and walking the ball up the court before running sets.

"You can't play this style of play and put it in a Plan B, and we put it in a Plan B," Caldwell said. "I think when you do that, you lose your identity. ... I did that in the middle of the season, and I know better than to do that, and it was the worst year of my professional career."

Mid-majors

Zero mid-major programs advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Trendy upset picks like Rhode Island over Alabama, South Dakota State over Washington and Fairfield over Notre Dame failed to come to fruition. Even Princeton — the highest-seeded mid-major as a No. 9 seed — was defeated by double digits by Oklahoma State.

Richmond, the only mid-major program to receive an at-large bid, failed to make it out of the First Four after losing to Nebraska.

Aside from top-seeded UConn, only teams from the Power Four conferences are still dancing.

"Wish we could have shown out better for the league and for the mid-majors, to be honest with you," Richmond coach Aaron Russell said after losing to Nebraska. "That was a rough stretch right there, but there's some really good basketball in the A-10, and there's some really good basketball at this level."

LIV GOLF

Emotional Bryson takes down Rahm in playoff to win

Cameron Jourdan
Golfweek | USA TODAY NETWORK

Bryson DeChambeau is the hottest golfer in the world going into the Masters. Is it his time to finally slide on the green jacket?

DeChambeau took down Jon Rahm on the first playoff hole March 22 to win the 2026 LIV Golf South Africa, his second straight win, in his final start before heading down Magnolia Lane in a little more than two weeks. DeChambeau, the two-time U.S. Open champion, hit a brilliant shot into the par-5 18th in the playoff to set up a two-putt birdie, enough to topple Rahm and win LIV's inaugural event in South Africa.

And after sinking his winning putt, DeChambeau was overcome with emotion unlike anything he has shown in the past.

"A lot has happened ... in the past

week," DeChambeau said. "I'm just so grateful for my team, the Crushers, everybody supporting me. It's so funny, golf is a fickle game, and you work so hard at it your whole entire life, and you realize that golf is just golf and there's a lot more to life than just golf."

"I had some things happen in the off time during this week, and I was just praying all day, praying to give me the perseverance to move forward and keep looking forward."

DeChambeau would go on to call South Africa the best event LIV Golf has ever had. The league's third time playing in as many weeks, the event at The Club at Steyn City will host LIV again from April 22-25, 2027, it was announced.

Rahm shot 8-under 63 in the final round to vault to 26 under to tie DeChambeau, who was unable to get up and down from a bunker for birdie on



Bryson DeChambeau, right, hugs his caddy after the LIV Golf South Africa event on March 22 at The Club in Steyn City. WIKUS DE WET/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

the closing hole to win in regulation. DeChambeau carded a bogey-free 66 in the final round, continuing a trend of stellar golf leading into the year's first major.

Last week, DeChambeau won in a playoff after his opponent, Richard T. Lee, missed a 2 footer to extend. This week, his brilliant 3-wood stole the title from Rahm.

"Had to be done. Jon, there was a very good chance I thought he was going to stiff it," DeChambeau said. "That 3-wood in there, I thought he was going to stiff it. I was fortunate enough to get a good lie. It was muddy, so I'm trying to aim over there, worst case scenario, and I just pulled it again and I knew I'd be OK and get somewhat of a lie. I got a great lie, I dropped it, and I got to place it, luckily, and then had a perfect lie and striped it to the middle of the green, and it fed right over to 12 feet, and I was not going to leave myself a 3-footer on that one."

LIV Golf's next event comes the week after the Masters in Mexico City at Chapultepec.

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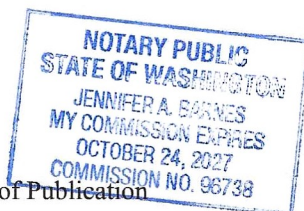
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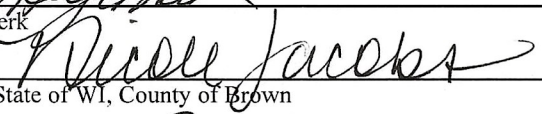
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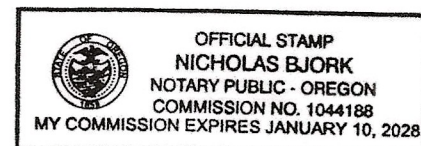
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