

Results from March Madness



USC's Javon Boston dribbles against Ohio State

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Round of 64 and 32

March Madness would not be complete with early shockers and cinderella runs. The latest iteration provided both. In the second round, No. 9 seeded Davidson, led **Doni Trice (W)**, provided arguably the biggest upset of the tournament, eliminating **Javon Boston (G)** and the West's No. 1 seeded USC Trojans, 76-74. Boston struggled scoring just 13 points on 5-for-17 shooting, while Trice caught fire with 32 points. The win sets Davidson up for a Sweet Sixteen matchup with **Daniel Stuckey (F)** and Alabama.

Not to be outdone, Delaware is embarking on a cinderella run of their own. The No. 13 seeded Blue Hens took down No. 5 ranked Iowa State and projected lottery pick **Gianni Giddens (F)** and then down No. 4 Creighton and **Reeves Freeman (F)**. Giddens declared for the NBA Draft shortly after the game, while Freeman announced

he would return for his senior season with the Blue Jays. Delaware gets a Sweet Sixteen date with Kentucky, the top seed in the South region, who stomped through the opening rounds winning by 28 and 13 points in their first two games.

In the Midwest region, Washington, led by the deadly pick-and-roll duo of **Jaxon Cowen (G)** and **Ruben Santana (B)**, both currently projected to be late first round picks, joined Kentucky as the only other No. 1 seed to advance, and will get Pac-12 foe and No. 12 seeded Utah in the Sweet Sixteen. Led by **Justin Medina (G)**, the Utes have already upset one Pac-12 opponent, beating No. 5 Arizona in the opening round, holding **Brian Vaughn (G)** to just 11 points in the loss. Utah followed that win up with a thrilling 67-65 win over Louisville and **Cole Harangody (G)**. Harangody was far from contained, scoring 24 points for the Cardinals in a losing effort.

The East Region was not immune to upsets, as Miami, led by **Damion Pack (G)**, delivered a 81-65 blowout to top-ranked Kansas. **DJ Outlaw (G)** finished with just four points while **Nigel Powers (B)** fouled out in 12 minutes of action. Pack, meanwhile, scored 31 points with eight assists. Miami is greeted by Florida State in the Sweet Sixteen.

Full bracket:

South

No. 1. Kentucky vs. No. 13 Delaware

Notable NBA prospects:

Kentucky: Baron Hunter (F), Brodie Walls (G)

Delaware: Cody Singleton (B)

No. 3 UCLA vs. No. 7 Michigan State

Notable NBA prospects:

UCLA: Mehkel Dylan (F), Casey Reynolds (F)

Michigan State: Zaire Marble (G)

Midwest

No. 1 Washington vs. No. 12 Utah

Notable NBA prospects:

Washington: Jaxon Cowen (G), Ruben Santana (B)

Utah: Justin Medina (G)

No. 2 Duke vs No. 3 Notre Dame

Notable NBA prospects

Duke: David Sebic (F), Kareem Larkin (B)

Notre Dame: Jalen House (G)

East

No. 4 Florida State vs. No. 8 Miami (FL)

Notable NBA prospects:

Florida State: Isaiah Quinn (F)

Miami (FL): Damion Pack (G)

No. 2 Michigan vs. No. 6 Iowa

Notable NBA prospects:

Michigan: Ja'Mez Napier (G)

Iowa: Ira Mack (G)

West

No. 4 Alabama vs. No. 9 Davidson

Notable NBA prospects:

Alabama: Daniel Stuckey (F)

Davidson: Doni Trice (W)

No. 2 UNC vs. No. 3 Georgia

Notable NBA prospects:

UNC: Artavis Carney (G)

Georgia: Lamont Appling (G)

Sweet Sixteen

No. 1 Kentucky 81, No. 13 Delaware 76

Baron Hunter (F) leads the way with 27 points and eight rebounds, but 17 points and 13 rebounds from **Cody Singleton (B)** helps the Blue Hens almost pull the upset.

No. 3 UCLA 63, No. 7 Michigan State 54

Mehkel Dylan (F) scores 18 for the Bruins, while **Zaire Marble (G)** ends with 15 points and six assists for the Spartans.

No. 1 Washington 87, No. 12 Utah 67

An efficient night from **Jaxon Cowen (G)**, who scores 19 points while dishing out eight assists, is more than enough in a dominant win over **Justin Medina (G)** and Utah.

No. 3 Notre Dame 76, No. 2 Duke 74

In a rematch of the ACC title game, **Jalen House (G)** again impresses, scoring 25 points with three steals in the dramatic win. **David Sebic (W)** has 19 points for the Blue Devils.

No. 8 Miami 92, No. 4 Florida State 81

Damion Pack (G) continues his dominant run, scoring 23 points for the Hurricanes who eliminate **Isaiah Quinn (W)** and ACC-foe Florida State.

No. 4 Alabama 87, No. 9 Davidson 83

A big night from **Doni Trice (W)** is not enough for Davidson as their 10-2 run in the game's final two minutes is not enough to rally all the way back against **Daniel Stuckey (F)** (16 points) and Alabama.

No. 2 UNC 67, No. 3 Georgia 53

The Tar Heels march on thanks to 24 points from **Artavis Carney (G)**. **Lamont Appling (G)** has 14 points with five assists for the Bulldogs who are unable to keep their SEC title-winning run going.

Elite Eight

No. 1 Kentucky 85, No. 3 UCLA 77

Despite a poor shooting night from **Baron Hunter (F)**, the Wildcats advance thanks to 25 points from **Brodie Walls (G)**. UCLA is led by **Casey Reynolds (F)**, who ends with 18 points and seven rebounds.

No. 1 Washington 89, No. 3 Notre Dame 71

The depth of the Huskies proves to be too much, as **Ruben Santana (B)** dominates with 19 points and nine rebounds while **Jaxon Cowen (G)** helps hold **Jalen House (G)** in check, keeping him to 13 points on 3-for-15 shooting.

No. 8 Miami 75, No. 2 Michigan 72

The Pack rolls on, as **Damion Pack (G)** has 21 points, four assists and three steals and the Hurricanes down **Ja'Mez Napier (G)** and the Wolverines. It's a high-profile guard matchup among two players who many expect to go in the lottery. Napier leads Michigan with 24 points.

No. 2 UNC 86, No. 4 Alabama 67

Artavis Carney (G) again impresses, this time with 21 points and nine rebounds for the Tar Heels as they down the Tide.

Final Four

No. 1 Kentucky 75, No. 1 Washington 71

Baron Hunter (F) rebounds from a poor showing in the Elite Eight to score 19 points with nine rebounds, just enough to lead Kentucky over the two-headed monster of **Jaxon Cowen (G)** and **Ruben Santana (B)**. Santana struggled mightily against Hunter, scoring only seven points, while Cowen scored a team-high 23.

No. 8 Miami 76, No. 2 UNC 72

March Madness might as well be Pack Madness. **Damion Pack (G)** scores 33 points as Miami goes on a 12-0 run to rally back and shock the Tar Heels. Pack buried three triples in the game's final two minutes to lift Miami to the National Title game. **Artavis Carney (G)** scored 28 points.

National Championship



Miami's Damion Pack dribbles up the court in a January 29 game in Miami.

No. 8 Miami 75, No. 1 Kentucky 73

The Miami Hurricanes become just the second eight-seed in NCAA Men's Basketball history to claim a national tournament, upsetting top-seeded Kentucky 75-73 thanks to the heroics of **Damion Pack (G)**. After scoring nights of 23, 21 and 33, the Hurricane's guard capped his incredible March with 27 points and four 3-pointers, none bigger than his pull-up triple at the buzzer over the top of **Brodie Walls (G)**.

The Hurricane's became the fourth team ever to make the NCAA championship game, joining the Villanova Wildcats, Butler Bulldogs and North Carolina Tar Heels to navigate their way to the title game.