



AP Photo
ROLIE MASSIMINO stands to cheer for his Villanova team as the final buzzer sounded in the NCAA game between Memphis State and Villanova. The latter won the game, 70-66.

NCAA field narrows

East

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — John Pinone's two free throws broke a deadlock with 26 seconds remaining in overtime and Stewart Granger added two more to clinch it 16 seconds later as Villanova upset ninth-ranked Memphis State 70-66 in the NCAA East Regional basketball semifinals Friday night.

Top-ranked North Carolina met No. 14 Alabama in the second game to determine Villanova's opponent in the Regional finals Sunday.

Pinone, a burly 228-pounder, had forced the extra period with a layup that tied it at 62 with 28 seconds left in regulation.

Memphis State called timeout with 18 seconds left but never got a play in motion and Otis Jackson had a 30-footer at the buzzer rim out of the basket.

The Wildcats, 24-7, never trailed in the extra period, taking the lead after

a minute when Pinone scored on a 14-footer just inside the free-throw line.

Phillip Haynes came back with a 20-footer from the left corner to deadlock it again at 64. Villanova's Aaron Howard and Memphis State's Garry Taylor swapped baskets moments later to set up the winning free throws in the final half-minute.

Memphis State, 24-5, had an opportunity to break the tie when Haynes picked off an errant pass, but attempted to force a layup, which he missed. Pinone was fouled on the battle for the rebound by Bobby Parks and went to the other end for his go-ahead free throws.

Pinone led all scorers with 19 points and freshman Keith Lee, Memphis State's second-team All-American, had 14 to lead the Tigers, despite fouling out with just under five minutes left in regulation.

Midwest

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Michael Adams and John Garris combined for 40 points Friday night and helped Boston College erase a five-point halftime deficit to beat Kansas State 69-65 in the semifinals of the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Missouri met Houston in the second Midwest semifinal game later Friday night.

Adams scored 11 points in the second half and executed a daring steal in the final minute that helped the upstart Eagles preserve a two-point lead.

Garris, a 6-foot-8 junior who averaged fewer than eight points during the season, poured in 16 in the first half to keep Kansas State from assuming an overwhelming lead.

The Eagles took their first lead 48-47 on Jay Murphy's basket with 14:52 remaining.

Then, with 1:45 left and Boston

College trying to protect a 61-59 lead, Martin Clark fumbled the ball out of bounds. But Adams darted behind the Wildcats' Ed Galvao as he drove to the bucket and snatched away the ball, and John Bagley put in two free throws a few seconds later to make it 63-59.

Kansas State never recovered. The Eagles, who are becoming this year's NCAA Cinderella story, have now turned aside San Francisco, DePaul and Kansas State.

Adams and Garris had 20 points apiece for Boston College, while Murphy added 11.

Randy Reed and Tyrone Adams each scored 16 for Kansas State, the Big Eight runner-up, which finished the season at 23-8.

Boston College, the Midwest's eighth-seeded team, will take a 22-9 record into the Midwest finals Sunday.

Ewing worries Oregon State

PROVO, Utah (AP) — The specter of 7-foot freshman center Patrick Ewing of Georgetown loomed large in the minds of Oregon State's coach and players on the eve of the NCAA West Regional basketball final Saturday afternoon.

"The difference, of course, is that Georgetown has the big man and we don't," said Coach Ralph Miller of fourth-ranked Oregon State.

Georgetown, ranked No. 6 at 28-6, does battle with Pac-10 champion Oregon State, 25-4, to determine which club advances to the NCAA Championship semifinal March 27 in New Orleans against the Midwest champion.

Although Ewing did not attend a Friday news conference, his devastating performance Thursday night in Georgetown's 58-40 West semifinal victory over No. 11 Fresno State made him the chief topic of discussion.

Ewing made seven of eight field goal attempts, scored 15 points, grabbed six rebounds, blocked two shots and stifled Fresno State's inside

attack. Meantime, the Hoyas made an NCAA West record 69 percent of their shots.

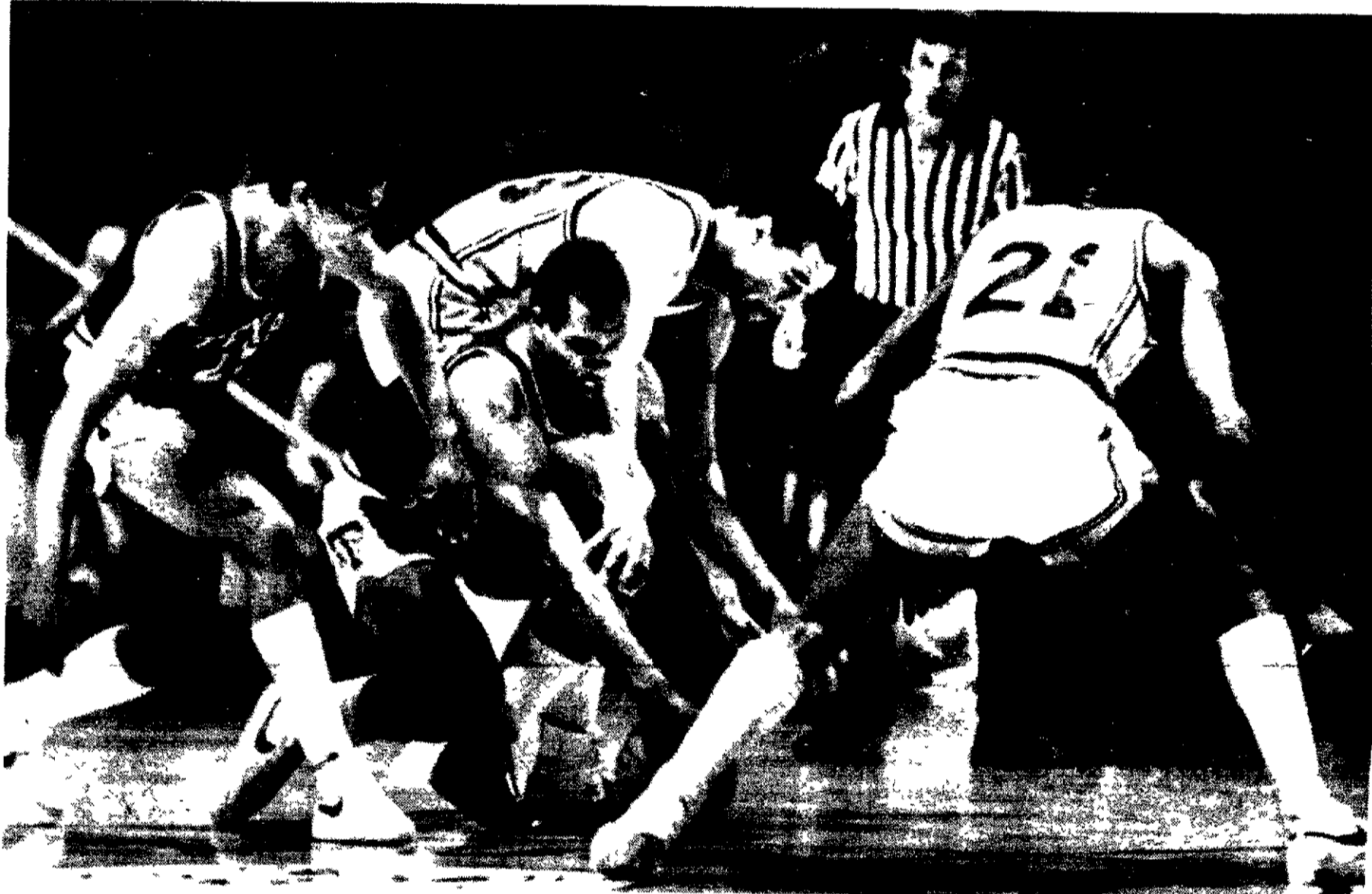
Miller said it wasn't so much Ewing's offensive abilities which had him worried.

"I think the big player bothers you more from a defensive standpoint," he said. Ewing blocked a team-record 112 shots during the regular season.

"This year we did not actually play too many teams with what we call the monster — the real big guy," said Miller, whose Beavers felled eighth-ranked Idaho 60-42 here Thursday night.

Idaho Coach Don Monson — after watching both West semifinals — said he thought Saturday's game may well hinge on which team gains an early advantage, since both are adept at running a patient, spread offense when ahead.

"We would like to get a lead and perhaps force them out of their zone coverage a little bit more," said Miller, who believes his club has better overall quickness than Georgetown.



AP Photo
TYREN NAULLS of Texas A & M bends to get the ball as Purdue's Mike Scarce goes over the top of him in an attempt to keep the ball from the Aggies. Texas A & M did come up with the ball as Milton Woodley, left,

got possession of the sphere, but Purdue went on to win the game and earn a spot in the National Invitation Tournament at Madison Square Garden.

TV moguls concerned by NCAA survivors

The television ratings are always important for major sports events and because of some of the remaining teams in the NCAA Tournament there is some squirming going on by the CBS moguls.

There is a need to have at least one of the championship teams representing a major television market, i.e. New York, Los Angeles. Having Oregon State, Alabama-Birmingham and Louisville is causing the television folks to worry. Even Georgetown's television area is not among the most lucrative. Besides none of these remaining teams have the superstar player the television people love to have for their viewing audiences.

It's actually nice to see the television people a little worried. They get their way in so many areas of sports, it's good to see an occasion when they have no control over what's going on.

Enough of the television problems. Let's get to some of the business of the local gentry and what they're doing these days.

Annapolis' Kathy Idell is one of four Longwood College gymnasts to earn an at-large berth in the AIAW Division II national gymnastics championship meet. Kathy will be competing at the national level for the fourth consecutive year and was an All-America gymnast in 1979.

While on the subject of gymnastics, the Advanced Girls Class I competition will be held one week from today—March 27 and 28—at Old Mill High School. A number of Anne Arundel County girls have qualified for this meet including Dockside's Lisa Feinstein, Dana Damico, Elizabeth Corey, Melissa Berotti and Barbara Torosian. From the Crofton-based Royal T's, the group that is sponsoring the event, are Rene Lyst, Angela Correll and Anne Sugden. That meet will be a good one as the state's best work toward berths in the regional

competition that will be held in New Jersey.

The UMBC baseball team is depending heavily on Anne Arundel County players. Eight of the 18 players on the roster are from this county. They are John Smith, Neil Bellar, Scott Hawser and Jeff Irvine, all from Pasadena; Vince Bucci from Millersville; John Kaulius from Glen Burnie; Bob Bruchalski from Linthicum; and Dennis Ward from Tracey's Landing.

Midshipman first class Charles Kineke of Annapolis has been appointed sailing master of the Naval Academy yacht Insurgente, a 48-foot sloop. Kineke and his crew will take Insurgente through the spring season locally and compete in international races throughout the early summer.

Navy's super running back of the past few football seasons, Eddie Meyers, has been named the major university division winner of the "Football Roundup" Exemplary Player Award. The preseason football magazine will present its awards on March 25 at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York.

The County Recreation Department's Dick Duden, crying blue and orange tears after his beloved University of Virginia basketball team was defeated this week, informs all of the forthcoming boys and girls baseball and softball clinics to be held next Saturday at Severna Park High School. The clinics will be run by the Rec Department and will feature a full program beginning at 8:30 a.m. and running through 2 p.m. For further information call Mike Busch or Beebe Castro at 987-9603 or 621-9553 from south county.

While talking about baseball and softball, we're get' the word on some softball tournaments that will be held early in the



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season.
One will benefit the Red Cross and is being sponsored by Gould Government Systems Corp and Lee May softball teams. The tournament will be played April 24, 25 at Truxtun Park in Annapolis with backup fields and dates already planned should the field become too large for the single site. This is a slowpitch tournament and all proceeds will go to the Red Cross. For further information call Lee May at 267-0817 or 263-9007.

The other tournament is a one-pitch tournament that will be played on the same dates, April 24, 25 at the Freetown Recreation Center. This event is seeking 24 slow pitch teams to fill its field. For information call Mike Rohleder at 987-6453 or Ralph Gentile at 672-3067.

The Towson State University women's lacrosse team has a few local products on its roster. They include, from St. Mary's High School, Pat Brady and Susan Smith; from Severna Park High School, Pam Neal and Julio Caprio; and from Martin Spalding High School, Laurie Hardesty.

Equestrian news doesn't come across this desk too often, but I'm well aware there are many fine equestrian participants from our county. Just a couple of them are Judy Farnsworth of Davidsonville and Kathryn Thompson of Crownsville. The latter won the first level dressage championship in the American Horse Shows Association Zone Three. Judy won the second level

championship in the same zone. The titles come as the final placings of the year-long competition. Kathryn's horse is Rullah Knight, while Judy rides Cutty Sark.

There will be a youth wrestling tournament beginning at 10 a.m. today and running through tomorrow at Anne Arundel Community College. Many of the best young wrestlers in the state will be competing in this event.

The Maryland Junior Olympic swimming meet is under way this weekend at UMBC's pool. The swimmers will be competing for medals and for berths on the Eastern Zone all-star team. The East and West teams will meet at Brown University in Providence. Swimmers from the Navy Junior Swim Club and Fort Meade Blues are involved in the competition.

The American Business Women's Association, Maryland Chapter, is sponsoring a "Meet the Colts" night at Buzzy's Restaurant on West Street in hopes of raising money for its scholarship fund. Colts' Dave Shula and Zachary Dixon will be on hand at Buzzy's from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. next Saturday. For tickets or information call 268-2731 or 956-5377.

The Annapolis Striders will hold their annual meeting later today and, naturally, in conjunction with the meeting will be a run. There will be a 10 kilometer race through the Admiral Heights section of Annapolis beginning at 2 o'clock at the Germantown Elementary School. The club will then have its meeting and a pot luck dinner. While learning of today's run, it came out that the club is already working on the biggest event of the schedule—The Annapolis 10-Mile Run, which will be held Aug. 29. Lite Beer, which is sponsoring everything possible these days, will be

among the sponsors of that event. Other sponsors include Nike athletic shoes and First National Bank of Maryland. The event has been given some added importance as the Road Runner's Club of America has designated the Annapolis race as its Maryland 10-Mile Championship. For information on the Striders or on any of the races they sponsor call 268-1165 or write, Annapolis Striders, Inc., P.O. Box 187, Annapolis 21404.

Locals are on lacrosse rosters almost everywhere the game is played. At Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., is St. Mary's High School graduate John Floyd-Jones, playing as a freshman defenseman.

Anne Arundel Community College is having a big bull roast on May 16 and it will combine a string of sports events to go along with the food and drink. The event is being held to help finance the school's intramural and varsity athletic programs with a Booster Club evolving from those who turn out at the bull roast. Membership dues for the Booster Club is included in the \$25 ticket price. Among the sports events going on that day is a tennis tournament sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Tennis Association; a lacrosse game between the AAC team and an all-star team from the county's non-public schools; a baseball game between the AAC team and the Navy team; and a soccer game between youth teams from Virginia and the Severna Park Green Hornets.

In closing let me remind you of the importance of keeping sports in its proper place. George Bernard Shaw, in "Maxims for Revolutionists" might have said a great deal about sport when he noted, "When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport: When the tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity."