Final Four, Here We Come!  
Cagers Beat St. John's in East Final

By JONATHAN LANSNER
GREENSBORO, N.C. — Even though it's so simple, there isn't an appropriate cliche to describe what happened here at the Greensboro Coliseum Sunday afternoon.

Pennsylvania (25-5) defeated a scrappy St. John's (21-11) squad, 64-62, and captured the NCAA's East Regional Championship. The win capped an almost unbelievable string of Quaker tournament victories starting ten days ago at Raleigh.

The win sends the Red and Blue into the Final Four for the first time. Next Saturday in Salt Lake City, the Quakers meet Michigan State in the national semifinals. DePaul faces Indiana State in the other semi-final.

Unlike the previous Quaker wins, this game was not one of Penn's more spectacular performances. In fact, the two teams played the entire first half like the number nine (Penn) and ten (St John's) seeds might have been expected to play.

The 20 first half turnovers and 21 team fouls by both squads were more than the number of combined field goals (19) made. The Quakers clung to a 23-26 advantage at halftime only because the Redmen—outside of forward Ron Plaisir's beauties of his own. From a 45-45 deficit, the duo powered Penn's next 16 points.

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If You're Going

Tickets for the Quakers' national semifinal game against Michigan State Saturday went on sale at 10 AM today at the Franklin Field ticket office. The cost is $30, which includes tickets to both Saturday's and Monday's games.

Plans are being made for a chartered airplane flight to Salt Lake City, provided there is sufficient student demand. All those interested in the flight, which will cost approximately $300 (air fare only), must sign up at the Franklin Field ticket office by 4 PM today.

If there is enough demand for the flight, money must be turned in to the ticket office by tomorrow. Further details in tomorrow's DP.

As Tony Price (15) points out, the Quakers are indeed number one (in the East)

At Long Last, Discovery

GREENSBORO, N.C.— The college basketball world discovered Tony Price and Tim Smith yesterday afternoon.

It's about time.

The two seniors have played majestically from the first day of this incredible season, but outside of Philadelphia, no one knew. Price and Smith received almost no ink. No hype. They were no-name stars.

But not any more.

The entire country watched Tony Price and Tim Smith do it to St. John's in the Eastern Regional finals here.

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At Courtside • John Eisenberg

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Tony Price and Tim Smith have leaped from obscurity to stardom in ten dizzy days.

“It's beautiful, man,” said an emotional Price. “It lets me know that everything I've done, everything I've worked on, has been worth it.”

Tony Price was immense in all four of Penn's tournament games. Playing against superstars like Jeff Ruland, Mike O'Koren and Roosevelt Bouie, Tony Price was the best player on the floor in each and every game. Without exception.

He averaged 24 points and six rebounds in the four games. His brilliance was rewarded when he received the East Regional's Outstanding Player Award, the first time in history that a Penn player has won it.

The vote was almost unanimous.

“Tony Price is unbelievable,” said Penn coach Bob Weinshank. “He's a great leader, a great player. What can I say about him that everyone doesn't know? Not much, I think.”

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Orange Crushed

BY JONATHAN LANSMER
GREENSBORO, N.C.-Syracuse strutted into Greensboro Friday night at the Greensboro Coliseum on a 24-3 advantage, and despite a slow start against the Quakers, still managed to put Penn to the bones attention.

It was the Orange's style that dominated a tall ball game from Sellers and dished off to Eddie Moss, who was leading a four-on-one Syracuse fast break. But Wilson came up with the defensive gem of the game, standing his ground and picking up an offensive charge on Moss.

On the ensuing inbounds play, Price was fouled by the Orange's Mark Cubit. Play continued; although the Penn coaching trio berated the official for forgetting to inform the game officials that Cubit's foul put Penn in the bonus situation.

On the next dead ball (Moss' foul on Keeny Hall), the officials, after a lengthy conference, awarded both Price and Hall one-and-one. The duo canned all four, pushing the lead to 73-44 with 5:29 left. Syracuse never seriously threatened again. Although they had trouble holding on to a lead that reached as much as 17 points, the Quakers were able to win by scoring almost at will on the Orange's slow and porous defense. As one sportswriter put it, "Syracuse plays Black-Shirt-Defense. Let your man go by, and hope that Moss will take care of himself."

Speaking of Moss, he was cool out there," Sahara said. "We've got a good team concept," said Price.

"I was feeling it," said Price. He did, and so did all the other Quakers. Senior forward Tim Smith had 18 points and seven rebounds. Center Matt White had 10 points and eight rebounds. Rooney Salders had 13 points and four steals.

"We've got a great team concept," said Price. "I'm just feeling it. We're on the rise. We're making a conscious effort to get it to him, but he was just taking the ball and scoring. It was that simple."

The Tar Heels cut the lead to two on five different occasions, but each time, with the fans standing and screaming for Quaker blood, the Red and Blue calmed the ball around and scored a basket.

"We're cool out there," said Price. "We've got all this experience that everyone's been talking about all year. There it was for you, right there on the court."

Carolina cut the lead to one, 64-63, with a minute-and-a-half left. The Heels' Dave Clickes missed a long jumper which would have solidified the lead. Price rebounded and threw a long bomb to Sellers, who was all alone behind the Carolina defense.

"I just took it off," said Price. "And they reacted slowly."

Sellers hit the layup and was intentionally fouled by Dudley Bradley. He hit one of the two free throws, stretching the lead to four.

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The Quakers wrapped up the game when Kenny Hall and Sellers hit four of five foul shots down the stretch.

"This is the greatest experience I've ever had in my life," Price said after the win.

The Quakers surprised a lot of people by the win, but not themselves. They went into the game knowing they had certain advantages—more quickness, better ballhandlers and a better center.

But perhaps the key element in the game was Penn's artificial zone defense, which caused Carolina problems all over the floor. The Tar Heels, lacking a strong guard, constantly found themselves in a corner, with two Quakers no more than a foot away.

"It's the same defense we've played all year," Price said. "We were running it everywhere today. We were moving." To say the least, Carolina spent most of the second half throwing up perimeter jumpers, and the Heels just weren't hot enough to get by.

"We knew we could play with them before the game," said Penn guard Bobby Willis. "Maybe no one else thought we could, but we knew. It was our own little secret." The secret didn't just leak out last Sunday. It was built up, heaping the story of Penn's basketball team all over the country. And now everybody knows. Everybody.

Penn 73, Iona 69

Bubble Burst

RALEIGH, N.C.—The Quakers took the first step along the NCAA trail with a less-than-comfortable 73-69 win over Iona at the Reynolds Coliseum March 7.

It was a game in which both teams nervously scrambled for an early advantage, before the Quakers gathered sizable momentum by halftime and held off a furious Gael comeback in the second half.

Perhaps Penn's biggest break came with little more than two-and-a-half minutes gone in the game. Gael forward Dave Brown, Iona's second leading career scorer, was forced from the game with a knee injury. The New Yorkers, in their ever-first NCAA tournament, surely missed him.

With seven minutes left in the half the Quakers led 25-23, but they outscored Iona 16-4 the rest of the way. Tim Smith and Tony Price each made free throws and Tom

Leifman and Bobby Willis hit layups during the spurt.

Willis then danced for two twisting three point plays before another Price basket sent Penn to its locker room with a comfortable 41-39 lead. After intermission, things got a little more difficult.

"In the first half, we played very loose," Price explained. "And then we came out in the second half and got a little too cautious.

"We made a couple of mistakes. We tried to force the ball too much, and they scored a couple of quick baskets and got themselves back in the game."

Iona rallied away at the Quakers' once secure margin to the point that, with just under seven minutes remaining, they trailed by a single point.

All-American center Jeff Buland (19 points) led the charge with 11 second half tallies, while guards Glenn Vickers and Kevin Hamilton bombed for ten and nine, respectively, after intermission.

With five seconds left, Iona had a chance to draw even at 71, but the Gaels' Mike Palmis was called for travelling, ending any chances for a comeback. Hall's two free throws ended the scoring.

"While trying to hold on to a lead," Willis said, "one shouldn't change the style of play. We got away from the things that built the lead for us."

Rallies

Quaker fans will get a chance to show their spirit twice this week. Two pep rallies have been scheduled. The first rally will be held tomorrow at 11 AM at the S. Franklin's market, or in Houston Hall if the weather warrants it. A sendoff rally will be held late Thursday afternoon at Franklin Field, just before the team leaves for Salt Lake City.
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Meanwhile, the Redmen weren’t having much trouble scoring. McKay (15 points), Flair (who else?), and super-saub Gordon Thomas kept St. John’s in the sea-saw contest.

Then Reggie Carter, the Redmen’s Mr. Clutch, hammered a 17-foot jumper to give the Yorkers their final lead at 56-55. Carter’s fifth personal foul let Price in.

Friday, March 9—at Raleigh, N.C.

ST.JOHN’S [98]
Brown 1-3, 2-2, 4; Palm 2-1, 4-4, 4; Ruland 4-6, 4-6, 6; Morgan 3-4, 3-4, 3; Johnson 2-4, 2-4, 2; Kistler 6-2, 6-2, 6; Carter 1-1, 1-1, 1.
Total fouls: 33 (Fouled out—Booney)
Total rebounds: 22 (Fouled out—Wood), 23
Price 11-18, 1-1, 29; Smith 12-13, 2-3, 10. Whilt 5-10, 3-3, 13; Boule 5-4, 3-4, 13. Moat 5-10, 3-4, 13. Nor 5-10, 3-4, 13.
Total rebounds: 22 (Fouled out—Wood) 23
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Sunday, March 11—at Raleigh, N.C.

NORTH CAROLINA [71]
Wood 2-7, 1-2, 20; O’Koren 7-12, 1-3, 15; Sullna 1-2, 1-2, 2; Coatee 8-20, 1-2, 11; 0-0, 0-0, 0-0, 0-0, 0-0.
Total fouls: 20 (Fouled out—Wood) 23
Total rebounds: 33 (O’Koren 10, Young) 27
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NORTHERN CAROLINA [78]
Shipp 7-12, 3-4, 15; Head 5-14, 3-5, 12; Orr 7-10, 3-3, 12; Bruce 7-16, 3-6, 13; Mays 9-5, 1-2, 11; Cubit 3-4, 0-0, 0; Harmon 1-0, 0-0, 0; Skal 1-0, 0-0, 0; Boas 1-0, 0-0, 0.
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