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## NCAA TOURNAMENT SWEET SIXTEEN

# JUST ROLLIN' ALONG...

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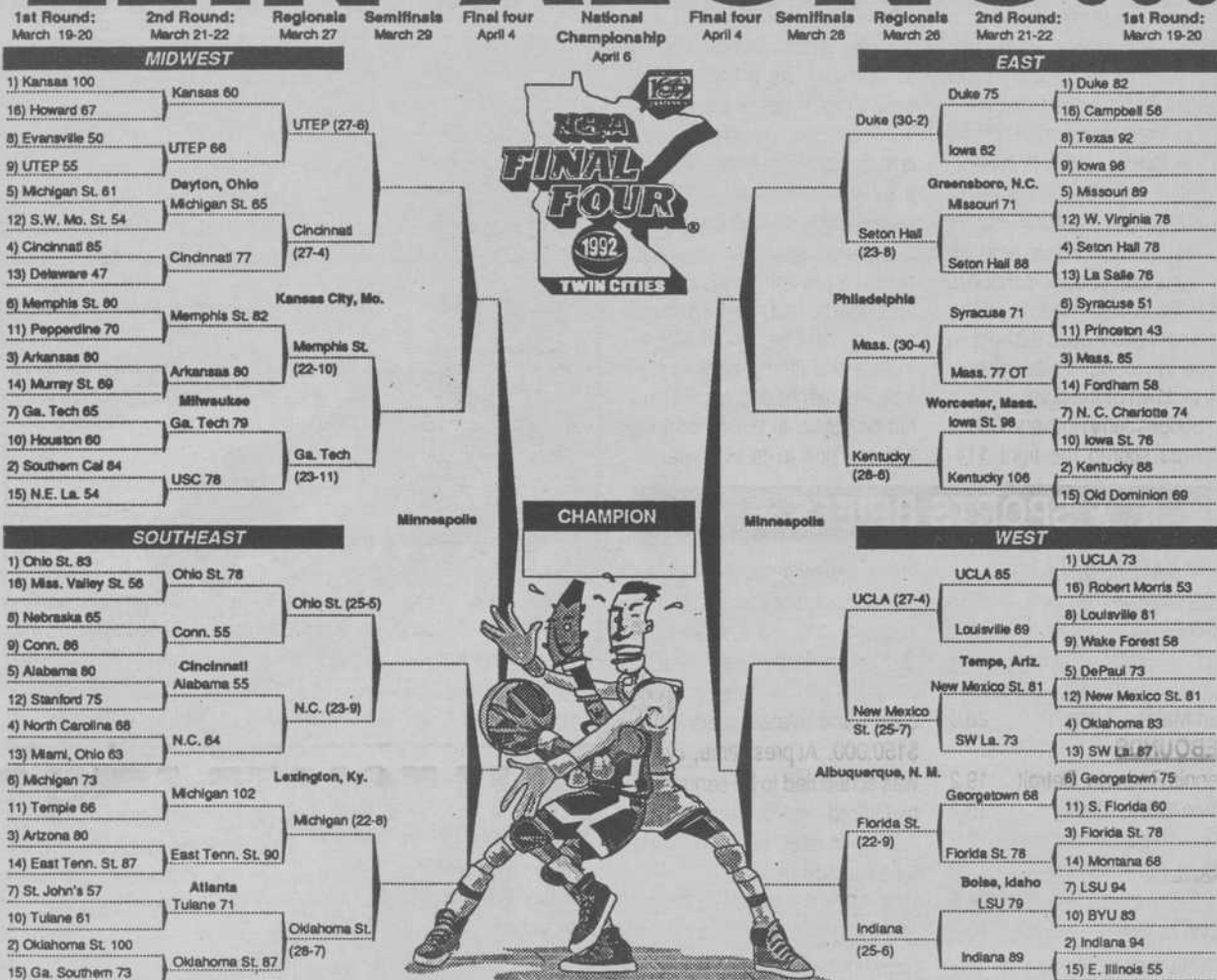
The 1992 NCAA tournament is rollin' along just fine these days. Basically everything is falling right in to place: a No. 1 seed has been upset and sent home for the season, there could be a cinderella story in the making and the perennial powerhouse is just rolling through obstacles like the American Gladiators.

The second week of the tournament has developed in to a meeting of the mighty and - with the exception of cinderella - that is just what it'll be at the "Sweet Sixteen" party commencing Thursday.

The Midwest could cause the madness that is conventionally associated with March. No. 9 seed UTEP has disposed of top-seeded Kansas. No. 2 seed, USC, fell to James Forrest's miracle shot for No. 7 Georgia Tech while No. 3 seed Arkansas, whose history is consistent for "not getting the job done," was humbled by No. 6 Memphis St. No. 4 Cincinnati now has to face upset-minded UTEP while Memphis St. will battle Georgia Tech - watch for Georgia Tech and Cincinnati to battle for the Midwest Regional Final.

At press time, the East regional semi-finals were in full effect as No. 2 Kentucky and No. 3 Massachusetts tipped-off with top-seeded Duke and No. 4 Seton Hall to follow. Can anyone stop Duke? The same question was being asked last year about UNLV and we know how that scenario went. The Blue Devils should top Seton Hall and will, most likely, face Kentucky in the East Regional Final.

Also at press time, the West region was set to kick off it's semi-finals pitting No. 2 Indiana against No. 3 Florida St. while No. 1 UCLA and No. 12 New Mexico St. waited in the wings. UNLV - NOT!!! That is what they're saying in New Mexico, where the regional finals are being played. After dominating the Big West for ten years and the NCAA for the past two, UNLV isn't the only team, from the Big West Conference, making noise anymore. Unfortunately, New Mexico St. will face their toughest challenge in UCLA. Watch for the Bruins and



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## Larry Johnson Receives Honor

NEW YORK - Rookie Larry Johnson of the Charlotte Hornets, who averaged 27.8 point, 12 rebounds and 6.8 assists per game last week, was named NBA Player of the Week on Monday.

Johnson, the former UNLV star who was the No. 1 pick in the 1991 draft, led the Hornets to a 3-1 record last week. They also have won 10 of their last 13. Johnson shot .561 (46 of 82) from the field last week.



He is averaging 19.3 points per game, the best among rookies. He also is averaging 11.4 rebounds, ninth in the league.