



THE NCAA TOURNAMENT IS NOT YET OVER!

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You all may think it is all over, but it is not. Officially. Not until my fifth annual “ALL-NAME TEAM” is announced.

But first, the high/low points in recap.

This was truly the year of the underdog, God bless ‘em.

For the first time ever, a number 11 seed made the final four (see Billy Packer below), for the first time in several years no ACC team was there and for the first time in a long while the SEC—normally known just for football, had 2 teams in the FF and the number 3 seed from the Minneapolis region, Florida, won it all.

Also, for the first time in 20 years no number 1 seed made the FF, so upsets ruled, and many office pools were flushed down the crapper very quickly.

But the good news is that we no longer have to hear from Dick “%&#@*^BABY!”

Vitale for another year. Someone ought to stuff JJ Redick’s ego filled jock strap into his mouth.

Ditto for Billy Packer, he of the “George Mason does not belong in this tournament.”

But his Redick-sized ego kept him defending himself all the way to the final four, and he then still tried to defend his pre-tournament comments. Packer needs to be sent packing.

Down here in the South, SEC fans think all other conferences suck.

Yes, the SEC did have a good tournament and the drunken, crazed LSU fans were everywhere.

Until the final four.

The LSU women’s team had an excuse. They forgot to set their clocks ahead for daylight savings time, thus they were late showing up and lost.

The LSU men’s team had no such excuse. They just plain never showed up.

Well, Pony tail Noah led the way, and likely to the huge bucks of the NBA

So, now let’s officially end the tournament.

“THE ALL NAME TEAM.”

First, the captain of the team, the player of the year, along with the ego of the century, J.J. Redick of Duke. In his four years there, he never passed a mirror he didn’t like. Instead of hanging his jersey from the rafters, he insisted on his picture instead.

Speaking of J’s, he has his own all J team.

CJ Jackson, Ill., JP Batista, Gonzaga; CJ Giles, Kansas; JR Giddens, New Mexico; JR (Dallas) Duffy, Viagra – I mean Niagra; BJ Walker, and the Texas trio, PJ Tucker, AJ Abrahams and JD Lewis.

Like ego man, all were losers.

There was royalty present, however.

We start with a REAL prince, he of the 5 name player.

UCLA’S Luc Richard Mbah A Moute. He is an actual Prince in his home village of Bafia in Cameroon. Note: Another “mediocre” player is Florida’s Joakim Noah (Final Four MVP), from Yaounde, Cameroon.

JP Prince, Arizona. He was allowed to skip the JJ team due to his stature.



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There was also a Michael Prince from somewhere.

Chris (Julius) Caesar, Iowa State; Stephen King, who also writes great mystery books and his counterpart, Kingsly Edwards of Central FL.

Throw in a couple of presidents, Elou Bush, Delaware and Ray Nixon

The ACLU doesn't want religion as part of college sports, but screw them.

Jesus Verdejo, Arizona; Joakim Noah (of the lost Ark). There were four Christians, Moody, Marker and Cornelio and Charlton Christian from various -schools.

They were led in prayer (not allowed?) by Kevin Messiah who held court with LSU's Garret Temple and Jason Chapel from some college.

Left off the list was the resident TERRORIST of the tournament, Jihad Mohammad, from Connecticut. He is waiting for practice to start on September 11.

Entertainment was from Tyler Neville of BC, Aaron Fleetwood (Mac) of Delaware State and James (Johnny) Mathis of Niagra.

Lodging arranged by Hilton Armstrong, teammate of the terrorist, and food was provided by Pitts' Mike Cook, with help from Joshua (HOT) Peppers, GW's Maurice Rice, BC's Tyrose Rice and UAB's Marvett McDonalds, while the decorations were provided by Michael Flowers.

The official car was Chevrolet, driven by Spencer, Joe and Derrick Ford, each from different schools.

Now, by state, the rest of the worst.

Alabama's Alonzo Gel had a bad hair day.

AL A & M had an Obie Trotter. All lists need an Obie. Also, Kudus Ogbara, Galen Gardenhire (illegal immigrant let in as cheap labor), along with the happy twins, Mickell and Julian Gladness.

Arizona had Mustafa Shakur, Mohammed Tangara (can't say AZ was prejudiced against Muslims. And David Bagga was their equipment manager.

Bucknell's Kevin Bettencourt was suspended for gambling, Chattanooga had Ricky (from the) Hood and Nathan England, from Japan.

Cincinnati's Patrick Watt combined with Creighton's David Watts and Louisville's Chris Currant to keep the lights on.

CT also had an interesting trio of Josh (Daniel) Bone and Richard Gay – from Brokeback Mountain

Creighton had Pierce (nipple rings) Hibmia.

Delaware St. added Rocky (Yo Adrian) Miji, Trey Roundtree (is there a square tree)? and Caheem Broadas (did he get together with Richard Gay)?

Besides all ego man, Duke had Erik Booteng (Pootang?, see the Brokeback Mountain boys.

Eastern Kentucky had Bubba (every team needs a Bubba) Long, who was 5'9" and the sissy, Ryan Whiersma (where is my ma)?

Farleigh Dickerson was represented by stars, Chad (Justin) Timberlake, Erik (Dukes of) Hazard and (Rod)erick Stewart.

Kansas had Sasha (Shaka) Kahn.



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LA. Lafayette started Chris Cameron from Alaska, Ross Mouton (Rasmussen)? and the tournament's heart throb, Valentino Heart, NOT from Brokeback. Along with Michael Southhall from North Whales.

Louisville had Tquan Dean (of Students) and Chad (quack, quack) Mallard. (No, he did not go hunting with Dick Cheney.

LSU had Glen "Big Baby" Davis. Hmmm, Glen Davis. Did they have a Doc Blanchard on the team?, Kentrell (fruit cake- Brokeback again) Granberry, Tasnin (Tasmanian Devil) Mitchell and (44) Magnum Rolle.

Minnesota had their own Adam (Daniel) Boone, J'son (needs a vowel, Vanna) Stamper and Rico (convicted of racketeering) Tucker.

MS. State lost because Walter (was not) Sharp and Vernon Goodrich went flat Montana, where men are men and sheep are afraid, had no part of Brokeback Mountain with Andrew Strait and Greg Spurgetis (with meatballs).

Nevada had Kyle Shiloh (grain elevators in the desert?) along with Rmemden (needed practice) Sessions.

New Mexico had Joel (Jack in the) Box.

No. Carolina had David Noel, who played his best at Christmas, Wes Miller (and his band of renown) and Marcus Ginyard from Martha's Vineyard.

NC State went down because Engin (never started) At (all)

They also had Brandon Allbriton who is from all So. Africa.

Northern Iowa had John Little at 5'10" and Grant stout at 6'8" and Everette Pedescleaux, just because I can't pronounce it.

Ohio starred Sonny Troutman, the champion tuna fisherman and Jeremy Fears (no wonder they lost).

Oklahoma had the only double name on the team, Longar Longar.

OK State was represented by Marcus (lonesome) Dove, Jameson Curry (James on Curry, thus, Brokeback mountain again?) and a real cowboy name, Luke Byler!

Old Dominion needed Vanna White for a vowel with Jacko Mrksicz.

UOP had Wolfgang (Mozart) Raffety With a name like that, he should have played for the Wolfpack.

Penn. had Ibrahim Jabber, who never shut up.

Pitt. was true to form with Charles Small at 5'7", Antonio (digger) Graves and LeVance (Strawberry) Fields.

From So. Illinois we get Randal (remember the) Falkers and a pair of Jamals, Foster and Tatum.

St. Mary's had Eric (James) Bond who hooked up with Eric Goldfinger from some school. Also, Ian O'Leary was too drunk to play and he hooked up with Utah's Mike (Jack) Daniels, Winthrop's Otis (Jack) Daniels and Sean Martini from Winthrop. Stanford's Taj Finger and Washington's Joel Wolfinger got together with NC State's Ilian Evitmeoff and all three were ejected.

Bobby Knight's boy was the best dressed, (Christian) Dior Lowhorn.

UAB's Derrick (used his) Broom to ride into town, Ernest Little was not so at 6'9" and they had Wen Mu Ku Bu. I think I ordered that for take out last week.

UCF had the tournament butler with Alfred Snidebush.



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Utah had Misha Rajojevic, a good Mormon name, and likewise Utah State with Arvydas Valitiekus.

Wisconsin Milwaukee's Boo Davis was everyone's favorite player.

UTEP had a Jason Williams (hasn't he been in the NBA for 10 years?)

Vermont's lone rep is Kyle (what is a) Cieplicki.

Villanova had Ross Condon (close), Curtis (Fort) Sumpter and a Dante Cunningham – just need a Randall and a Cullpepper.

Wake Forest's lone man was Shamaine (put up your) Dukes.

West VA had something called Kevin Pittsnogle (Gezhundheit).

Only had two hyphens this year, Bucknell's Tarick – Pior McClymout and Minnesota's Jamal Abu- Shamal.

OK, now the big finish.

The “can't pronounce bunch” with team names omitted.

This group really gets my spell checker smokin'!

Osazee Omokaro, Manourou Gakou, Lukasc Obrzut, Hhaqari Allegne, Ibon Ibok, Vova Seveouias, Aldi Lidoade, Valdas Vasylious, and last but not least, Ariuze Onukau.

WHEW!!

You think it was hard reading this damn thing, consider what it took to organize and write it. Goes to show you that I am crazy and my columns, while not always nearly this long, will be just as idiotic and zany as I am.

See you next week. Time for some good single malt scotch.

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