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Haynes' floater sinks Vermont in overtime ... OSU makes CBI semifinals against Stanford

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MONDAY NIGHT ... the madness continues. and for you breathless message boarders out there, yes, we asked coach Rob about **the Virginia rumors**. .. nothing happening there. But lots of Robinson commentary on that subject bottom of this entry.

Meanwhile ... another win.

Another home game coming up.

Tremendous atmosphere tonight as 4,053 showed up on spring break.

The turnout stunned the players, and maybe went a long way towards convincing a very popular first-year coach that this thing can be turned around at OSU.

Here's what we filed for the O., with some added quotes and insight.

CORVALLIS - It may be madness that Oregon State - with its sub-.500 record - is still playing in late March, but this improbable OSU basketball season seemingly has no end.



OSU coach Craig Robinson admitted his heart skipped a beat when it looked like Seth Tarver traveled on OSU's last possession in OT against Vermont Monday night. ... but the season goes on, thanks to Calvin Haynes' clutch shot. ... OSU hasn't won two post-season games since the 1981-82 season, when the late Ralph Miller's team made the West Region finals before getting whacked by Georgetown.

Calvin Haynes' hanging, one-handed bank shot with 6.1 seconds left in overtime sent the Beavers past Vermont 71-70 Monday night in a wildly entertaining College Basketball Invitational quarterfinal game at Gill Coliseum in front of a surprisingly large crowd of 4,053.

OSU advances to a Wednesday night semifinal game - again, at Gill - against Stanford (20-13), which beat Wichita State 70-56 Monday night.

Richmond hosts UTEP in the other semifinal.

The best-of-three CBI championship series starts March 30.

OSU beat Stanford twice during the Pac-10 regular season but lost to the Cardinal in the Pac-Tournament.

The Beavers (15-17) had two chances to win at the end of regulation, but Haynes' driving layup attempt with 13 seconds left somehow rolled out, and Rickey Claitt's turnaround at the horn bounced off.

In the overtime, OSU stumbled badly, committing four turnovers and missing two point-blank shots at the rim.

"The whole time, I'm thinking the ride's over. Maybe this is really it," said Robinson.

But Vermont (24-9) couldn't do anything right as well, and it looked like a pair of Roeland Schafenaar free throws might be the difference until Mike Trimboli pressured in a 3-pointer from the corner with 19.2 seconds remaining in the OT to give Vermont a 70-69 lead.

The score was tied 10 times and there were 27 lead changes in the game.

OSU did a decent job on Catamounts' star Marqus Blakely, who had 17 points, 7 rebounds, and two blocked shots, but Vermont got a combined 27 points from guards Trimboli and Joey Accaoui, who combined for five 3's.

"Basically, if we get a stop, we win the game, and we didn't get a stop," said disappointed Vermont coach Mike Lonergan.

Ironically, the Beavers almost committed their fifth turnover of the overtime on their final possession when Seth Tarver appeared to travel after taking an inbounds pass.

"That was scary," said Claitt, who made three huge 3-pointers in the second half.

"My heart stopped. ... luckily, the refs didn't see it."

Lonergan saw it, and so did the entire Vermont bench.

"You're hoping to get that call," said Lonergan, the former Maryland assistant who had the Catamounts sniffing the NCAAs this season, "but that's life on the road."

Haynes winning shot had a high degree of difficulty, because Blakely is a shot-blocker and he took off like a guided missile when it became apparent that Haynes was going to the basket from the left side.

"Rickey told me, don't settle for a jumper, go straight to the basket," said Haynes.

In mid-air, Haynes adjusted the arc on his shot.

"Blakely was coming over, and I saw him right at the last second," said Haynes. "He looked like (USC's) Taj Gibson with those long arms. I just threw it up and prayed to God that it would go in."