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COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

A historic win for Terriers; Harvard's season ends

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John Holland scored 26 points and Carlos Strong added 22 to lead Boston University to a 96-78 victory over Oregon State last night in Corvallis in the first round of the College Basketball Invitational.

With their first postseason win since 1959, the Terriers improved to 20-13 and will host Morehead State Monday in the quarterfinals.

With an earlier triumph over Indiana, BU defeated two schools from major conferences for the first time since 1986-87 (UConn, Texas A&M).

Strong, a senior guard, is now at 1,002 career points, the 30th Terrier to eclipse the 1,000-point plateau.

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Appalachian State 93, Harvard 71 — The Crimson had plenty of pep early but faded in a first-round game of the CollegelInsider.com tourney in Boone, N.C.

Harvard (21-8), playing in its first postseason game since the 1946 NCAA Tournament, hit 6 of 8 shots from long range to help build a 12-point lead midway through the opening half.

But Appalachian State (23-12) began to outrebound the smaller Crimson and run the break.

"They really dug in with defensive pressure after we blitzed them early," said Harvard coach Tommy Amaker. "Their front line guys were just outstanding."

Appalachian State took its first lead late in the first half as part of a 13-0 run to claim a 43-37 halftime advantage.

Donald Sims and Kellen Brand led Appalachian State with 22 and 14 points, respectively, and the Mountaineers battered the Crimson on the boards, 39-25, and outscored them in the paint, 40-14.

Harvard freshmen Christian Webster (game- and career-high 24 points), Kyle Casey (14 points), and Brandy Curry (8 points, 3 assists, 3 steals) led the way, while senior guard Jeremy Lin scored 11 points and added 7 rebounds and 5 assists. Lin leaves Harvard as the only player in Ivy League history to record 1,450 points, 450 rebounds, 400 assists, and 200 steals.

"I am proud of the year we were able to accomplish with 21 wins [program record]," said Amaker.

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Rhode Island 76, Northwestern 64 — Akeem Richmond scored 14 of his 16 points during a big first-half run as the host Rams (24-9) won a first-round game.

Nevada 74, Wichita St. 70 — Luke Babbitt scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half to help visiting Nevada (21-12).

Virginia Tech 81, Quinnipiac 61 — Malcolm Delaney scored 19 of his game-high 25 points in the first half to lead the Hokies past the visiting Bobcats.

Dayton 63, Illinois State 42 — Chris Johnson scored 13 points and host Dayton used a 19-1 second-half run

to pull away.

Cincinnati 76, Weber State 62 — Deonta Vaughn had 16 points, and the host Bearcats' trapping set up a 17-0 run.

Kent St. 75, Tulsa 74 — Rodriguez Sherman's driving layup with 20.8 seconds remaining led the Golden Flashes over the visiting Golden Hurricane.

Mississippi 84, Troy 65 — Terrico White scored 27 points to lead the Rebels in Oxford, Miss.

Illinois 76, Stony Brook 66 — Demetri McCamey had 16 points, 11 assists, and 9 rebounds to lead Illinois past host Stony Brook.

Memphis 73, St. John's 71 — Wesley Witherspoon scored 18 points, including the winning layup as time expired, to give host Memphis the victory.

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