Finally, Saints celebrate

Longest basketball season in Siena history ends with a tournament championship

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The Siena men’s basketball team was supposed to be going nowhere in September. Then the Saints figured they were done playing in March.

Exactly a month later, in early April, Siena’s season finally ended with a win over Stony Brook that ended a streak of 11 losses. The Saints finished with a 13-18 record.

"It was an awesome season," Siena head coach Jimmy Patsos said. "I mean, think about it. We lost 11 straight games and ended up with a winning record."

On the court

MBA games from the game at the Times Union Center

Siena fans cheer as the team takes the court for the final time of the season on April 5.

Odd finish lifts hopes

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On the Friday of Final Four weekend, the Siena men’s basketball team played a championship game at Alumni Recreational Center, before which the school hosted an open house for alumni and fans.

"We had a lot of fun," Patsos said. "We had a lot of fun."

Siena is back in the NCAA Tournament

KENTUCKY 74, WISCONSIN 73

Late 3 sets up unlikely final

No. 8 Kentucky edges Wisconsin, Wildcat faces No. 7 Oregon next

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The setting was wildly unusual, but the result was predictable. The No. 8 Kentucky Wildcats defeated the No. 7 Wisconsin Badgers 74-73 in overtime.

"It was a great game," Kentucky head coach John Calipari said. "I thought we played well, and we were able to make some key baskets when we needed to."
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