

# CBS comes to Lincoln for DePaul appearance

By Stu Pospisil

DePaul may have the toughest first-round draw in the NCAA tournament, says CBS basketball analyst Billy Packer.

The Blue Demons, the top-seeded team in the Midwest regional, Sunday afternoon will face the winner of tonight 7:10 game matching Illinois State and Alabama.

"It's a very difficult draw for DePaul and Ray Meyer," Packer said. "Fresno State for Houston or St. John's for North Carolina, if they win, might be as

tough. But DePaul has a history of having problems in their opening games."

Packer said the hoopla surrounding the retirement of Meyer and his final NCAA appearance may be a detriment to DePaul.

Meyer's team will be trying to win his first national championship in 40 years of coaching at the Chicago school.

Packer and Gary Bender, CBS' play-by-play man, will be in Lincoln to broadcast Sunday's doubleheader at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Packer was asked to analyze the other teams in the sub-regional:

— Illinois State: "They have great quickness and

height." Friday's game with Alabama matches "two different types of teams."

— Alabama: "They have stronger players. They are very patient and control the tempo."

— Alcorn State: "I don't know, because I haven't seen them play this season."

— Kansas: "There couldn't have been much difference between seeding Wake Forest fourth and Kansas."

— Wake Forest: "Their excellent backcourt has played together for a long time. They aren't a good rebounding team, with the exception of Anthony Teachey."

Packer said Georgetown is his pick to win the 53-team tournament.

"I like their chances in that (West) regional," Packer said. "I like the way Georgetown has been playing lately. I'd pick them today."

Packer and fellow NBC analyst Al McGuire teamed up to provide preseason predictions for *Inside Sports* magazine.

"I don't have my picks in front of me," Packer said in a telephone interview from Salt Lake City, "but I think the season has gone pretty true to form."

"I think Al and I had Kentucky, Georgetown, North Carolina, Houston and Memphis State as our top five teams. Memphis State would be among the top seeds if it hadn't had some midseason injuries." Memphis State is seeded sixth in the Midwest regional.

"I've seen all the teams at (the sub-) regional except for Alcorn State," Packer said. "I know the teams and their styles, and I'll review the cards I have made up on them."

## Sports Shorts

The UNL Coliseum, the Men's Physical Education Center and the Bob Devaney Sports Center will be the sites of different brands of basketball this weekend.

While the NCAA Midwest Regional gets the national spotlight at the Sports Center, the Farm-House-Alpha Chi Omega wheelchair basketball tournament will get under way tonight and continue through Sunday at the Men's P.E. Center. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.

Meanwhile, the YMCA boys' state basketball tournament for junior high school boys will be at the UNL Coliseum.

About 700 players, 69 teams, will be involved in the tournament, said Scott Cotton, one of the tournament directors.

The tournament is by invitation and will include teams from South Dakota and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The first games begin at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. The championships will run all day Sunday.

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## Alcorn State and Kansas fight for Sunday berth vs. Deacons

**Friday Game 2: Kansas (21-9) vs. Alcorn State (21-9), 9:40 p.m.**

Pos.	Kansas	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
G	Mark Turgeon	Fr.	5-10	4.7	1.1
G	Calvin Thompson	So.	6-6	11.0	3.1
C	Greg Dreiling	So.	7-1	9.8	4.9
F	Kelly Knight	Sr.	6-8	11.6	7.0
F	Carl Henry	Sr.	6-5	17.2	6.5

"I thought they'd put us in the Midwest regional but I didn't think they'd seed us as high as they did. The win against Oklahoma certainly had a big impact on that."

**Sunday Game 4: Wake Forest (20-7) vs. Kansas-Alcorn State winner, 3:45 p.m.**

Pos.	Alcorn State	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
G	Eddie Archie	Jr.	5-10	11.1	3.0
G	Michael Phelps	Jr.	6-4	16.0	3.8
C	Tommy Collier	Jr.	6-8	11.7	7.9
F	Aaron Brandon	Jr.	6-6	19.5	5.3
F	David Clayborn	Jr.	6-6	6.9	5.6

Pos.	Wake Forest	Yr.	Ht.	Pts.	Reb.
G	Delaney Rudd	Jr.	6-2	13.7	1.8
G	Danny Young	Sr.	6-3	9.7	1.8
C	Anthony Teachey	Sr.	6-9	13.9	10.1
F	Mark Cline	Fr.	6-7	7.0	2.2
F	Kenny Green	So.	6-6	17.5	6.3

Alcorn State has played Kansas twice in David Whitney's 15 years as coach, losing 72-60 during the 1981-82 season and 86-74 last season. Whitney said the makeup and style of play of Kansas is different from the Kansas team the Braves met the last two seasons.

Kansas has one advantage over Alcorn in that they were able to scout the Braves.

Another edge for Kansas could be that the game is played in Lincoln. Kansas Coach Larry Brown said he hoped the Nebraska fans will root for the Jayhawks.

The Jayhawks are the Midwest region's fifth seed by virtue of winning the Big Eight tournament. The high seeding surprised Brown.

**The Demon Deacons:** Wake Forest enters the tournament as the Midwest region's fourth seed. The Demon Deacons fell to Maryland by two in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

Both Kansas' Brown and Alcorn State's Whitney said whichever team won their game would have a tough test in Wake Forest.

"I can't think ahead to Wake Forest," Brown said. "Obviously being the fourth seed makes them an awfully good team. You have to play at your peak to beat any team in this tournament."

Green led the Demon Deacons in scoring 15 of their 27 games. Teachey led them in rebounding in all but one of their games.

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