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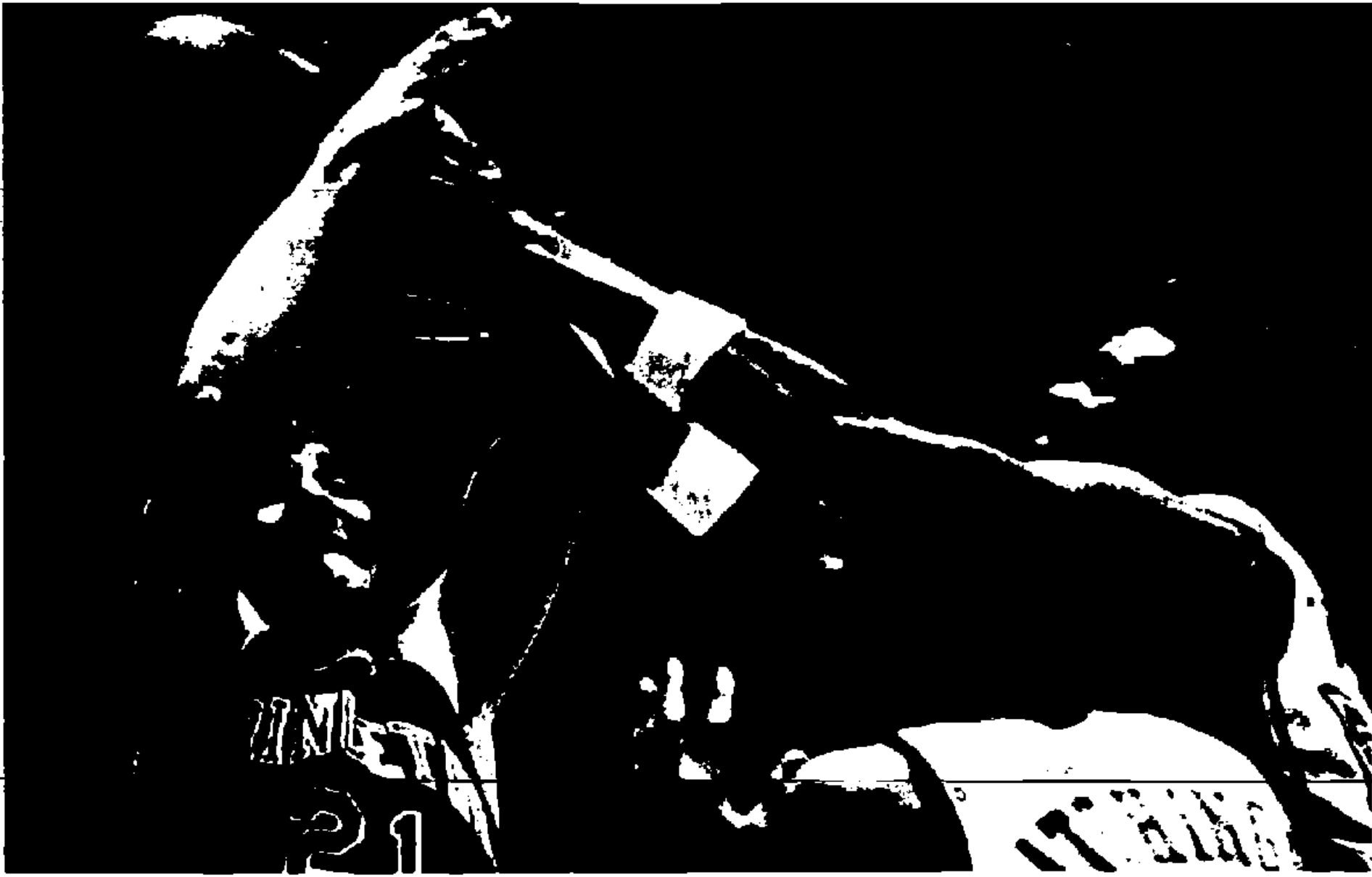
Mullin misfire costly

United Press International
When Chris Mullin of St. John's goes to the foul line and takes his "usual position," statistics show he will make 91 out of 100 attempts.
Mullin, the nation's premier foul shooter who was named to UPI's All America team, couldn't believe what he was seeing.
"I was shocked," the 6-foot-6 Mullin said after missing the front end of a 1-and-1 that allowed Temple to take a 63-61 victory over St. John's Thursday night in an NCAA East Regional first-round game at Charlotte, N.C.

"I went up there and took my usual position and shot," he said. "It just didn't go in."
Terence Stansbury's shot did go in. Stansbury hit a 25-foot jumper at the buzzer to lift the Owls, 26-4, which will now face top-ranked North Carolina, 27-2, Saturday.
"I think this was the biggest shot of my life," Stansbury said. "When it left my hands, I knew it was going in."

In the other East Regional matchup, underdog Richmond, led by sophomore John Newman's 26 points, outscored Auburn 18-2 over a seven-minute stretch in the first half and then held on to upset the No. 19 Tigers 72-71. Richmond meets 18th-ranked Indiana, 20-8, and Saturday's winners move on to the East Regional semifinals next week in Atlanta.

Temple tied it 63-63 on a fastbreak basket by Granger Hall with 1:03 left. St. John's, 18-12, then held the ball for a last shot and Mullin was fouled by



Princeton's Kevin Mullin (21) has his shot blocked by UNLV center John Flowers.

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Jim McLoughlin with eight seconds left.

After Mullin's miss, the Owls rebounded and called time out with four seconds left. Stansbury took the inbounds pass in the backcourt, drove up the center of the court and launched his winning shot from behind the top of the key just before the final horn.

Temple coach John Chaney said the long shot was nothing unusual for Stansbury.

"He had been hitting that shot all year for us," Chaney said. "He had made a lot of big shots. He is in the same class with Mullin and North Carolina's Michael Jordan. That might be stretching it, but what I'm trying to say is he's a ballplayer that

ranks with the top players in the U.S."

Hall led Temple with 20 points while Stansbury and McLoughlin had 14 each.

Seven-foot center Bill Wennington added 17 points for the Redmen, including their last three baskets.

St. John's coach Lou Carnesecca called the loss the climax of a "jinxed" year in which the Redmen finished 18-12.

"It was a jinxed season. So help me God," Carnesecca said. "This is in no way to take away from Temple. They made some big baskets, big foul shots."

In other NCAA Regionals:
At Birmingham, Ala., J.J. Crawl stole an errant pass and scored on a

driving layup with two seconds left to give West Virginia a 64-62 victory over Oregon State in the Midwest Regionals. The Mountaineers, 20-11, will meet 10th-ranked Maryland Saturday.

In the second game, Devin Durant, the nation's No. 3 major college scorer, had 21 points to lead Brigham Young to an 81-68 victory over host Alabama-Birmingham. Brigham Young, now 20-10, plays faces third-ranked Kentucky, 26-4, Saturday.

At Salt Lake City, Ed Catchings and Eric Booker each scored 13 points in leading 13th-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas to a 68-56 triumph over Princeton in the first round of the Western Regionals.

In the nightcap, Roosevelt Chapman scored 29 points, including 10 straight in the second half, in powering Dayton to a 74-66 triumph over Louisiana State. Dayton meets eighth-ranked Oklahoma in Saturday's second round, while Nevada-Las Vegas goes against ninth-ranked Texas-El Paso.

At Memphis, Tenn., Louisiana Tech won its first-ever NCAA Tournament game by upsetting Fresno State 96-56 behind Karl Malone's game-high 24 points in the Midwest Regionals.

In the second game, Keith Lee's 33 points powered No. 16 Memphis State to a 92-81 victory over Oral Roberts. Memphis State meets 11th-ranked Purdue and Louisiana Tech battle No. 51 Houston Saturday.

Meyer earns honor

NEW YORK, UPI — For nearly a half century, Ray Meyer has been a part of college basketball.

And college basketball has spent an entire season saying good-bye.

The 70-year-old DePaul coach has been saluted from city and named as one of the titans of the game. In his 42nd and last year of coaching, Meyer has made it more than a sentimental journey, leading the Blue Demons to a 26-2 record, a No. 4 ranking and a shot at an NCAA championship.

And on Thursday he was named Coach of the Year by United Press International for the 1983-84 season.

In a balloting of 238 sportswriters and broadcasters across the country, Meyer won by a nearly 4-to-1 margin over his closest competitor, Meyer received 97 votes, Dean Smith of North Carolina had 23 and Gene Keady of Purdue 21.

Meyer, previously named Coach of the Year in 1960, outdates the award itself. He took over the basketball team at DePaul in 1942, 30 years before the first such coaching presentation was made.

"I'm very honored and excited," he said of the latest honor. "But I owe it to my players. This squad has been a close knit one. We don't have any superstars on the team but they have banded together and had a great season."

In other years, before basketball moved into gleaming arenas, Meyer had such players as the great George Mikan. In a more contemporary context, there were Mark Aguirre and Terry Cummings.

But this year his team relied on the likes of Kenny Patterson, Tyrone Corbin and Dallas Comegys, a freshman center from Philadelphia who excited the basketball imagination of the venerable coach.

Ithaca bound

Nick Guerrera Jr. will be kicking close to home next season

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AUBURN — Nick Guerrera Jr., Auburn high school's placekicker for the last four years, will be playing for the Ithaca College Bombers in the fall.

Guerrera received word from the Ithaca sports office Thursday night, making the announcement official.

It's not quite what Guerrera was hoping for, but for central New York football fans, it couldn't be finer.

"At first I was kind of upset that I didn't make it to a Division I team, but after thinking about it I'm happy," Guerrera said.

"They've been to the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl (Division III's national championship) and are a playoff team. That's the main reason I chose Ithaca over Hobart. I had no idea I'd be going to a Division III team. But as my father told me: 'If the pros want you, they'll find you.'"

Guerrera, who carries a 3.4 grade point average, said he plans on a major in sports medicine with a minor in hotel management — another reason he chose Ithaca over three other New York colleges that were recruiting him.

Cornell, Colgate and Hobart all accepted him on his academic record, but Guerrera felt the academic pressures would be less at Ithaca.

Bombers' varsity coach Jim Butterfield said Guerrera would have a good shot at making the varsity squad his freshman year.

"He has a tremendous potential and has more range than the boys we have now," Butterfield said. "Chris Weiller has been doing our kicking — but he has a limited range. Nick will get a chance to compete for the varsity. We were 7-3 last year and the three games we lost could have easily gone the other way. With a strong kicker, we have to improve."

Guerrera said the Division III schools that were recruiting him told him he would have to be a walk-on. "I couldn't take the risk of not making the team... West Virginia, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Miami University all said the

same thing."

Guerrera's high school coach Bob Adams said Miami found a kicker from a Florida high school, and Syracuse University is happy with its sophomore kicker. Adams described Ithaca as an "excellent Division III team" with a good football program behind Butterfield.

"Nick's one of the best kickers in this area. There are probably only one, two or three like him in the state," Adams said. "There's so many good kickers around — but they have to do it themselves. Nick's father works with him all the time and Nick kicks all summer."

During the off-season, Guerrera and his father rent a videotape camera and record his workouts. "We go through the motions my plant and follow-through, bring the tape home, watch it, then go out and work on it again."

The method has worked so far. As a kicker for Auburn high school, Guerrera was 38-for-62 in extra points and 10-for-13 in field goals. His longest was a 47-yarder and one of the misses was from 50 yards.

That kind of range would make any coach happy.

Guerrera said Ithaca runs a camp in late summer for all returning players and new recruits. "I'm a Division A prospect (the players who show the potential of making the varsity). I'll be invited back for the varsity camp. If I heat out the other kicker or come close, I'll be on the traveling squad."

"They like the way I kick the ball. Especially the hang time I get. They moved the kickoff to the 30-yard line so my kicks will have to be inside the 10- or 5-yard line. I'm capable of that."

Football is not the only reason Guerrera chose Ithaca. Division III schools are not allowed to give athletic scholarships, but they can offer financial aid "based on need." Guerrera said the tuition at Ithaca is \$9,950 and the college already has told him he can expect a good deal of financial aid.

"We're very pleased Nick is going to Ithaca," Nick Sr. said. "We were both down after being brought to the heights of a Division I prospect,



Nick Guerrera Jr. joins Ithaca Bombers.

Citizen file photo

but Ithaca meets my conditions of a good school. If he still wants to go pro, they'll find him.

"Kicking is very unique. If he can kick 40-yarders eight out of 10 times and can maintain that average for four years, the pros will find him. But it's up to him. I told him 'You're there for two things: Education and football. Get your education and then take your shot at football. If it doesn't work out, at least you've got an education.'"

Guerrera also played hockey for Auburn and is considering playing intramurals and maybe try out for the Bombers' varsity.

"I think I'm going to stick to

football, but I'll have to see. I may try out for the team if some of the other guys do."

That would be fine with Butterfield.

"I believe the kids should be able to do what they want, whether it's the glee club or anything. They only go this way once and they might as well get the most of it."

Ithaca has had good success in recruiting central New Yorkers. John Corning, a 1982 Auburn graduate, is playing football for Butterfield.

"I love getting area people," Butterfield said. "We put a lot of effort in that."

One year makes a lot of difference for Valvano's gang

United Press International

Florida State coach Joe Williams had more to worry about than just facing last year's national champions.

"We felt like there were a lot of things working against us — having to go on the road in a tournament like this is never easy," said Williams after the Seminoles beat North Carolina State 77-71 in overtime in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"But coming into this place and playing the defending national champions... well, I just can't tell you how great it feels."

Randy Allen scored the go-ahead points with 42 seconds left and Maurice Myrick closed the door with a dunk at the buzzer to lift Florida State.

The Wolfpack down 72-71 after Allen's shot, managed two jump jumpers that missed. The final one, a 25-footer by Ernie Myers, set up a scramble under the basket. Florida State knocked it out to midcourt and Myrick won a battle with Terry Gannon for the ball and it was a 100 race to the basket that Myrick won.

Allen's go-ahead points also came after Gannon missed the front side of a 1-and-1 with 16 seconds left.

"We had every chance," said North Carolina State coach Jim Valvano. "We had the 1-and-1 at the line then we had two jump shots. That's all you can ask for and we had our best shooters taking the shots. They just wouldn't go on."

"I congratulate Florida State and wish them well in the NIT. The NIT is a very strong field and you're going to have a lot of games like this one."

Vince Martello led the Seminoles with 17 points. Allen had 16 and Gipson 15. The victory boosts the Seminoles' record to 20-10. The Wolfpack, the defending NCAA champions, bow out with a 19-12.

Myers led the Wolfpack attack with 22 points and Gannon had 18. Leading scorer Lorenzo Charles had only nine points.

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"We felt like we had to shut down their inside game," Williams said. "We did that well all night."

In other games, Xavier, Ohio, downed Ohio State 69-57. Virginia Tech shaded Georgia Tech 77-74. Michigan dropped Wichita State 77-74. Marquette clobbered Iowa State 75-57. Nebraska tripped Creighton 69-44 and Santa Clara beat Oregon 66-57.

At Cincinnati, Victor Fleming hit three treas in the final 2 seconds of overtime to lift Xavier 21-20. Xavier advances to the second round against Nebraska. Ohio State finished at 15-14.

At Blacksburg, Va., Perry Young and Dell Curry both scored 19 points and Virginia Tech secured the victory from the free throw line late in the game. The Hokies next play South Alabama at Greensboro, N.C., this Sunday.

At Ann Arbor, Mich., Roy Tarpley scored 27 of his game-high 27 points in the first half to lead Michigan. The Wolverines, 19-10, will host Marquette in Ann Arbor Monday night.

At Ames, Iowa, freshman Tom Copa scored 25 points and Marquette used a tenacious man-to-man defense en route to victory. The Warrior boosted its record to 17-12. The Cyclones, making their first postseason tournament in 40 years, ended the season at 19-13.

At Omaha, Neb., Dale Hoppe sank a basket and a technical free throw with 11 seconds remaining to park Nebraska. It was one Creighton's 10th home loss this season.

At Eugene, Ore., Harold Keelin scored 21 points and Nick Vano added 18 to pace Santa Clara. Saint Clara, 22-9, will visit Southland Conference champion Lamar in second round game Monday night.