

WHAT TO WATCH FOR



THE TULSA WORLD VIEWERS' GUIDE: GAMES TO WATCH, UPSET ALERTS AND LOCAL TIES IN TWO OF THE MOST EXCITING DAYS OF THE YEAR

- UPSET ALERT
- COULD BE GOOD
- LOCAL TEAM

EARLY THURSDAY

Iowa State coach Fred Hoiberg was a senior on the 1994-95 Cyclone team that beat Kansas. The Jayhawks had a player who had recently transferred from Cal — current UAB coach Jerod Haase.

Georgia State has a big-time name you might recognize. Former Louisville guard Kevin Ware, most famous for his terrifying compound leg fracture on the court against Duke in the 2013 Elite Eight, transferred to the Panthers this season.

This is a literal big-guy/little-guy matchup. Texas plays four players who are 6-9 or taller. Butler has one player who is 6-9, but they're favored to win.

Ole Miss scored 62 points in the second half of their play-in win over BYU. That's more than two NCAA Tournament teams (San Diego State and Wyoming) averaged per full game this season.

Channel	11 A.M.	NOON	1 P.M.	2 P.M.	3 P.M.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.
KOTV-1006	11:15 a.m.: 4 Notre Dame vs. 13 Northeastern Fun fact: Northeastern is the only Massachusetts team in the field but Notre Dame has more players from the state (2) than the Huskies (0).			approx. 1:45 p.m.: 6 Butler vs. 11 Texas			
TRU-1112		11:40 a.m.: 3 Iowa State vs. 14 UAB			approx. 2:10 p.m.: 6 SMU vs. 11 UCLA Fun fact: SMU is back in the field for the first time since 1993. It is coach Larry Brown's first time back since he led Kansas to a title in 1988.		
TBS-1047			12:40 p.m.: 3 Baylor vs. 14 Georgia State			approx. 3:10 p.m.: 6 Xavier vs. 11 Ole Miss	
TNT-1029				1:10 p.m.: 2 Arizona vs. 15 Texas Southern Fun fact: Texas Southern earned its first win over a ranked team since 1994 when it beat then-No. 25 Michigan State in December.			approx. 3:40 p.m.: 7 VCU vs. 10 Ohio State

Ready for a break? If you're OK with missing the end of VCU-Ohio State, get up from the couch after Xavier-Ole Miss. But make it back before 6:30 p.m.

LATE THURSDAY

Cincinnati ranks 294th nationally in scoring and Purdue has the Big Ten defensive player of the year in Raphael Davis. Expect a low-scoring affair, but it should be close at the end so be ready to switch it over.

SFA, led in part by last year's Southland player of the year and Bixby grad Jacob Parker, is a popular upset pick over the Utes, who are only three years out from winning only six games in 2011-12.

A high-seeded G'town could be stunned by the nation's leading scorer, Tyler Harvey, who is averaging nearly 23 points per game for the Eagles.

Channel	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	7 P.M.	8 P.M.	9 P.M.	10 P.M.	11 P.M.
KOTV-1006		6:10 p.m.: 8 Cincinnati vs. 9 Purdue			approx. 8:40 p.m.: 1 Kentucky vs. 16 Hampton Fun fact: The Hampton Pirates haven't had a winning record all season. Their play-in win over Manhattan evened them up at 17-17.		
TRU-1112			6:27 p.m.: 5 Utah vs. 12 Stephen F. Austin			approx. 8:57 p.m.: 4 Georgetown vs. 13 E. Washington Fun fact: EWU has six foreign-born players on its roster — one from Serbia, one from the Ukraine, one from Germany and three from Australia.	
TBS-1047			5:50 p.m.: 1 Villanova vs. 16 Lafayette Fun fact: Villanova and Lafayette are only an hour apart in the suburbs of Philadelphia, and they're playing in Pittsburgh.		approx. 8:20 p.m.: 8 N.C. State vs. 9 LSU Fun fact: Wolfpack coach Mark Gottfried used to be LSU coach Johnny Jones' boss while both were at Alabama in the early 2000s.		
TNT-1029			6:20 p.m.: 4 North Carolina vs. 13 Harvard			approx. 8:50 p.m.: 5 Arkansas vs. 12 Wofford Fun fact: In the six years since Arkansas last made the Tournament, Wofford has earned a bid three times (2010, 2011 and 2014).	

Razorback head coach Mike Anderson played for two years at TU and began his coaching career as an assistant under Nolan Richardson after leading the Hurricane to the 1981 NIT Championship.

Harvard coach Tommy Amaker is familiar with the UNC legacy — he's a Duke alum and former Blue Devil coach, where he won two titles as an assistant and led his own squad to the 1986 NCAA title.

EARLY FRIDAY

Juwan Parker, a BTW grad and the 2011 Tulsa World player of the year, is Georgia's starting small forward. He missed 11 games due to injury and came back briefly in the SEC Tournament.

UC-Irvine is notable for two reasons — it has one of the best mascots in the field (the Anteater) and the tallest player in D-I, Mamadou N'Diaye, who's from Senegal and comes in at 7-6.

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KOTV-1006	11:15 a.m.: 2 Kansas vs. 15 New Mexico State Fun fact: After Okla. State filed a lawsuit against the school, NMSU agreed to pay OSU \$10 a year to license its version of the Pistol Pete logo.			approx. 1:45 p.m.: 7 Wichita State vs. 10 Indiana			
TRU-1112		11:40 a.m.: 7 Michigan State vs. 10 Georgia			approx. 2:10 p.m.: 2 Virginia vs. 15 Belmont Fun fact: Taylor Barnette, whose last-second shot sent Belmont to the Big Dance, transferred from Virginia after one season in 2013.		
TBS-1047			12:40 p.m.: 5 Northern Iowa vs. 12 Wyoming			approx. 3:10 p.m.: 4 Louisville vs. 13 UC-Irvine	
TNT-1029				1:10 p.m.: 5 West Virginia vs. 12 Buffalo			approx. 3:40 p.m.: 4 Maryland vs. 13 Valparaiso Fun fact: Valpo's only NCAA Tournament wins came on its Sweet 16 run in 1998. They were led by current coach Bryce Drew.

Now is time for another break, but Oklahoma State has the first game of the evening set so hurry back.

LATE FRIDAY

From beat writer Guerin Emig: Albany's Richard Peters attended Brewster Academy, and was once committed to play for Jeff Capel at OU. When Capel was fired, Peters wound up at another prep school, changed his commitment to Washington State, failed to qualify there and resurfaced at Tallahassee (Fla.) Community College.

The team that forces the most turnovers in the country (West Virginia) faces a team that is among the best at taking care of the ball (Buffalo). Plus, you get to watch Bob Huggins sweat it out in a close game against a 12 seed.

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KOTV-1006		6:10 p.m.: 1 Duke vs. 16 Robert Morris Fun fact: Robert Morris lost the NEC championship three times in the past four years before winning this year and earning a bid.			approx. 8:40 p.m.: 8 San Diego State vs. 9 St. John's		
TRU-1112			6:27 p.m.: 3 Oklahoma vs. 14 Albany			approx. 8:57 p.m.: 6 Providence vs. 11 Dayton	
TBS-1047		5:50 p.m.: 8 Oregon vs. 9 Oklahoma State			approx. 8:20 p.m.: 1 Wisconsin vs. 16 Coastal Carolina		
TNT-1029			6:20 p.m.: 7 Iowa vs. 10 Davidson Fun fact: Davidson is second in turnover percentage in the nation only to Wisconsin, giving up the ball on fewer than 15 percent of possessions.			approx. 8:50 p.m.: 2 Gonzaga vs. 15 North Dakota State Fun fact: NDSU still has Lawrence Alexander, who sent last year's game against OU to overtime. NDSU, of course, eventually pulled the upset.	

You might want to watch this one, OSU fans, to see what the Cowboys are in for.

You made it! Rest up. It all begins again Saturday.

From beat writer Mark Cooper: The matchup in Omaha is a homecoming for Oregon's Dana Altman — he coached at Creighton for 16 years until he left in 2010.

Kris Dunn, the Providence point guard who is third in the nation in assists, is projected as a first-round pick in this year's NBA Draft. Tune in to watch him at work, and also scout OU's next opponent.