Tulsa
a breeze for Zags

After slow start, GU rides out
without much problem

By Steve Bergum / Staff writer

TULSA, Okla. — Call it a wanted shot. All of the hand-wringing and worry about a late-season road game ended in an unintentional nonconference basketball opponent proved unnecessary Saturday afternoon, as sixth-ranked Gonzaga University blew past Tulsa 70-65 in front of a sellout crowd of 8,335 in Reynolds Center.

It was a game that had caused Bulldogs coach Mark Few and his staff a great deal of concern, as did, with the Zags (27-2 overall) still on the way to posting a perfect 14-0 record in the West Coast Conference, and against a tradition-rich Tulsa team trying to salvage an otherwise lost season.

“It’s a great road win for us,” Few said after watching his team battle back from a six-point halftime deficit. The Golden Hurricane (7-17 overall, 3-11 in the Western Athletic Conference) for the second straight season as part of ESPN’s Bracket Busters promotion.

We were very concerned about the game, especially right at the tail end of our league season.”

“We knew Tulsa would come out and play with great emotion, and we knew they would have a great crowd here. But tonight after the first five minutes we got back to playing the

3-pointer shepherds
UT to win

Guard’s shot puts Vandals alone in third. In line for tumesybye

By Carter Strickland / Staff writer

MOSCOW, Idaho — Tanner Ship- pen sat in Leonard Perry’s office — his arms to brake against Kennedy’s unpadded wall. — fifth — and without thinking stuck out his stomping feet of students getting their tuition’s worth on a Saturday night.

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Not the most auspicious start for the building. But what a finish.

Kennel and Gonzaga program prospered to foster a legacy of fervent fanatacism

By John Blanchette / Staff writer

NOW THE WALLS BOW from the havel and the floor trembles from the stomping feet of students getting their tuition’s worth on a Saturday night.

But in the earliest days of The Kennel — long before it was ever called that — you could have heard a bone snap.

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It was appropriate that defense ruled in the final two minutes because during the previous 30 minutes, neither team’s offense had much success. “Two great defensive teams that just punched it out,” Few said after landing the last few blows.

The show’s over

Inside

Kennel guard Butch Stopp participation in a spirited Kennel pregame introduction ritual.

State girls basketball

Timehrovelves outlast Beise 41-38
in game dominated by defenses

By Doug Lee / Staff writer

Nampa, Idaho — Boise State’s basketball coach Daren Taylor expected his team to play Saturday.

But Taylor anticipated a showdown in the final two games this week, with the applause cascading down from the heights of Section CC.

Pal, the Bulldog move into a new 6,000-seat arena — OK, their new mascot, Butch VI, and took him back to Pullman. So on Saturday, WSU took him back to Pullman. Not the most auspicious start for the new building.

Just a blast. The show is almost over. Next season, the Bulldogs move into a new 7,000-seat arena — not a gym — see door. So on

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Senior Ashlee Erdman, the best 6-foot-4 center in college basketball, finishing practice with extra wind sprints.

Gonzaga University

of The Kennel.

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The Kennel will receive a final ovation at the Bulldogs’ final two games this week, with the applause cascading down from the heights of Section CC.

not offensive sets.

Gonzaga guard Blake Stepp participates in a spirited Kennel pregame introduction ritual.