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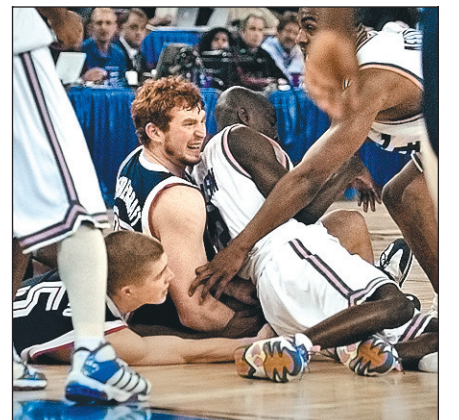
OVER IN A BLUR

BRUINS' STUNNING COMEBACK ERASES DEFICIT, ZAGS' HOPES



UCLA center Ryan Hollins helps fuel the Bruins' second-half comeback by swatting away a shot by Gonzaga's Sean Mallon.

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In a last-second scramble, UCLA wraps up a loose ball and the victory.

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OAKLAND, Calif. - Nothing is supposed to come easy this time of year. But nothing should come this cruelly, either.

Given an opportunity - several, in fact - to put away second-seeded UCLA in Thursday night's third-round of the NCAA Tournament, the third-seeded Gonzaga Bulldogs deferred.

The Bruins took advantage of the generous gesture to stage a riveting late-game comeback that resulted in an unlikely 73-71 win that left the Zags and the rest of those who had crowded into the Oakland Arena wondering what happened.

Luc Richard Mbah a Moute scored shortly after a steal with 9 seconds left to give UCLA its first lead of the game and then came up with a near steal that resulted in a key tie-up, with the possession arrow favoring the Bruins.

Just that quickly, GU's hopes of making it to another Elite Eight vanished, leaving the Zags staring in utter

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JOHN BLANCHETTE

Zags repeat cruel history with defeat

OAKLAND, Calif. - It ended for Adam Morrison the same way it ended for Ronny Turiaf - in tears, a jersey tugged over his face, sprawled inconsolably on a court in March with dreams not just unfulfilled but stolen away.

It came a year and a weekend later, but with no less heartbreak.

After a few moments, Morrison was hauled to his feet by UCLA's Aaron Afflalo and Ryan Hollins, in almost the exact fashion Texas Tech's Ronald Ross had tended to Turiaf in that memorable second-round tableau last year. And it was difficult to suppress the thought:

They could strike a statue of this scene at Gonzaga.

Basketball games are sometimes lost more than they are won and there is a word for that, and being the competitors they are the Zags have no

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Zags notebook

Bulldogs center J.P. Batista says he was fouled as he committed a late turnover, but he's not ready to blame the loss on the officials.

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Memphis advances

Rodney Carney scores 23 points and leads a stingy defense as top-seeded Memphis rolls to an 80-64 win over Bradley.

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Key performances

Derek Raivio provides the spark for GU in the first half, but UCLA freshman forward Luc Richard Mbah a Moute makes the difference in UCLA win.

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LSU upsets No. 1 Duke

Glen Davis scores 14 points despite foul trouble and the fourth-seeded Tigers hold J.J. Redick to 3-of-18 shooting in LSU's 62-54 win.

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