**NCAA SPECIAL**

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**HOME AWAY FROM HOME**

Note Dame coach Mike Brey is on board with the idea of Fighting Irish playing in Irish-friendly Spokane this weekend. He says he might even take part in a local St. Patrick's Day tradition. The Oregon Ducks and their fans seem at home, too.

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**TOURNEY Replay**

**WASHINGTON State University senior forward Ivory Clark records one of the five blocked shots he had Thursday during the Cougars’ NCAA tournament opener against Oral Roberts.**

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