DENVER — An upset by seed but certainly not by how the game played out.

No. 11 Gonzaga dominated most of the way, shut down Seton Hall standout guard Isaiah Whitehead and powered to a 68-52 first-round victory in front of 19,500 Thursday at the Pepsi Center.

The Zags (27-7) looked very much like a team that has done this before, and for good reason. They've made 18 straight NCAA tournament trips and they've won their opening-round game in the last eight.

Gonzaga will meet third-seeded Utah (27-8) on Saturday.

Sixth-seeded Seton Hall (25-9), which starts five sophomores and has only one player who has played in the tourney, hadn't been to the NCAA tournament in a decade and showed its inexperience. Head coach Kevin Willard picked up a technical foul for protesting a no-call in the second half. Whitehead was tagged with a Flagrant 1 foul in the first half.

It has become a familiar formula for the Zags over the last few weeks of the season, when they had to fight to just get into the tournament. Domantas Sabonis, battling a flu bug, posted his 21st double-double with 21 points and 16 rebounds.

Kyle Wiltjer, limited to 12 first-half minutes due to two fouls, added 13 points and seven rebounds. The guard line continued its strong play as starters Eric

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Gonzaga's Kyle Wiltjer celebrates a call went the Zags' way as Seton Hall's Michael Nzei looks on during NCAA tournament first-round action Thursday.

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