



Oklahoma City Thunder' Jeff Green (22) shoots over Golden State Warriors' Corey Maggette (50) during the first half in Oakland, Calif. BEN MARGOT/Associated Press

# Utah wins one for its owner

BY DOUG ALDEN  
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams had 20 points and 13 assists as the Utah Jazz honored the memory of Larry H. Miller with a 102-88 win over the New Orleans Hornets on Saturday.

The Jazz held a pregame moment of silence and the players wore patches with the initials LHM as Miller's courtside seat remained empty during a game he would have especially enjoyed.

The Jazz improved to 10 games above .500 for the first time this season and after the buzzer, Williams walked the game ball across the court to hand it to Miller's widow, Gail, and hugged her. Miller, 64, died Friday of complications from diabetes.

Chris Paul had 24 points and seven assists for New Orleans, which was coming off an overtime loss in Los Angeles the night before.

Emotions alone weren't enough to carry Utah. After allowing an 11-point run in the third quarter that got New Orleans within two, the Jazz regrouped and took an 84-76 lead into the fourth quarter. Both teams sputtered through the first few minutes, but Williams revived his teammates and the fans with a 20-foot jumper, followed by a 3-pointer to put Utah ahead 91-80 with 6:48 remaining.

Mehmet Okur followed with a layup, then after Williams drew an offensive foul on Paul, Okur hit a 3-pointer that put the Jazz up 96-81 and all but clinched it.

The Hornets went without a field goal from 10:53 in the fourth until Rasual Butler's three-point play with 3:36 remaining.

Okur finished with 25 points to lead the Jazz and Paul Millsap had 12 points.

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# Humphrey scores 42 in 66ers' loss

BY DEAN CLARK  
World Correspondent

BIXBY — Albuquerque overcame a season-high 42-point effort by Ryan Humphrey to record a 120-114 comeback victory over the Tulsa 66ers on Saturday night at the SpiritBank Event Center.

It was the second victory in two nights for the Thunderbirds over Tulsa. Albuquerque is 16-12 on the year and Tulsa dropped to 7-25.

The 6-7 Humphrey, a graduate of Tulsa's Booker T. Washington High School, had 19 points in the first quarter, nearly five better than his per-game average. He had 25 at intermission and added 17 in the second half, despite fatigue and illness problems.

"That is the first time that I have ever had to call time out for a player because of cramps and then call another one for the same player because he was getting nauseated," said Tulsa coach Paul Woolpert. "I hope that serves as an example to our younger players of the kind of effort that it takes to be a professional basketball player."

Tulsa held a 62-52 lead at intermission thanks to Humphrey's onslaught, 13 points from Keith Clark, and a brilliant second quarter (eight points and four assists) from reserve guard Gary Ervin. But the shorthanded 66ers, who dressed just eight players and only two who are fit for in-the-lane banging, obviously started to run out of gas late in the third period. The visitors tied the game at 84 by the end of that quarter and took the lead for good early in the final period.

Humphrey scored five points in a 33-second span to pull Tulsa within 103-101

| Thunderbirds 120, 66ers 114 |       |       |       |       |      |     |    |     |  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|----|-----|--|
| ALBUQUERQUE (16-12)         |       |       |       |       |      |     |    |     |  |
|                             | Min   | FG    | 3pt   | FT    | Reb  | O-T | F  | Pt. |  |
| Johnson, f                  | 44    | 15-25 | 1-2   | 11-13 | 9-19 | 3   | 4  | 42  |  |
| Monds, f                    | 36    | 4-10  | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0-5  | 2   | 8  |     |  |
| Morris, c                   | 21    | 1-5   | 0-0   | 2-2   | 3-6  | 4   | 4  |     |  |
| Noel, g                     | 45    | 5-13  | 1-3   | 1-2   | 1-4  | 1   | 12 |     |  |
| McLeod, g                   | 47    | 5-12  | 3-5   | 16-20 | 1-4  | 2   | 29 |     |  |
| Gibson                      | 2     | 0-1   | 0-1   | 0-0   | 0-1  | 0   | 0  |     |  |
| Allen                       | 5     | 2-3   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 1-1  | 2   | 4  |     |  |
| Agudio                      | 33    | 4-7   | 0-1   | 10-10 | 1-2  | 0   | 18 |     |  |
| Walters                     | 5     | 1-2   | 1-2   | 0-0   | 0-1  | 1   | 3  |     |  |
| TEAM                        |       |       |       |       |      |     | 9  |     |  |
| Totals                      | 37:78 | 6-14  | 40-47 | 16-52 | 15   | 120 |    |     |  |

Assists: Johnson 1, Noel 3, McLeod 11, Agudio 1. Blocks: Johnson 2, Monds 2. Turnovers: Johnson 2, Monds 3, Morris 1, Noel 3, McLeod 2. Steals: Johnson 1, Monds 1, Noel 1, McLeod 1, Agudio 1.

| Tulsa (7-24) |       |       |       |       |      |     |    |     |  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|----|-----|--|
|              | Min   | FG    | 3pt   | FT    | Reb  | O-T | F  | Pt. |  |
| Ogunoye, f   | 31    | 1-4   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 4-8  | 4   | 2  |     |  |
| Humphrey, f  | 39    | 18-26 | 0-0   | 6-9   | 6-11 | 5   | 42 |     |  |
| Clark, c     | 45    | 8-16  | 1-3   | 3-4   | 1-8  | 4   | 20 |     |  |
| Forbes, g    | 29    | 5-8   | 1-2   | 1-1   | 1-5  | 2   | 12 |     |  |
| Kelly, g     | 32    | 7-18  | 0-5   | 1-1   | 2-3  | 4   | 15 |     |  |
| Dial         | 26    | 5-8   | 4-5   | 1-2   | 1-3  | 6   | 15 |     |  |
| Ehambe       | 15    | 0-4   | 0-3   | 0-0   | 0-1  | 0   | 0  |     |  |
| Ervin        | 20    | 4-8   | 0-1   | 0-0   | 0-0  | 3   | 8  |     |  |
| TEAM         |       |       |       |       |      |     | 6  |     |  |
| Totals       | 48-92 | 6-19  | 12-17 | 15-45 | 28   | 114 |    |     |  |

Assists: Ogunoye 2, Humphrey 3, Clark 4, Forbes 4, Kelly 6, Dial 2, Ervin 4. Blocks: Clark 4, Dial 3. Turnovers: Humphrey 1, Clark 2, Forbes 5, Kelly 1, Dial 1. Steals: Ogunoye 1, Humphrey 1, Clark 2, Forbes 1, Kelly 1, Ervin 1.

| Thunderbirds | 29 | 23 | 32 | 36 | —120 |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|------|
| 66ers        | 32 | 30 | 22 | 30 | —114 |

A: 2,087. Technicals: None.

# Rapid City gets its revenge on Oilers

BY JOHN RITTENOUR  
World Correspondent

What a difference a day makes.

On Friday, Tulsa showed no mercy putting Rapid City down 4-0 on the way to a 5-3 Central Hockey League victory. On Saturday, the Rush returned the favor, easily defeating the Oilers 5-1 before a disappointed BOK Center crowd of 5,578.

The Oilers managed to avoid a shutout when Matt Maccarone scored his first career goal with 28 seconds remaining.

But it was too late for Tulsa. Matt Zultek led the scoring parade for the Rush with his second and third goals of the year (one of which came

on a power play). Joey Olson added one goal and an assist while Luke Fritshaw had two assists.

Tulsa was never in the game and was outshot 42-36.

Oilers coach Tony Martino wasn't happy.

"I expected at least an effort, and we did not put any effort out," Martino said. "Rapid City worked extremely hard like we did last night for 40 minutes. Once you get behind, it is hard to catch up."

"We did not do anything tonight. We did not hit anybody, we did not skate or play defense. We did absolutely nothing."

After Friday, Martino was going to give the team a day off if they won Saturday. Now they will face the wrath of

Martino.

"They will be working Monday, and I will be working Sunday watching game tape and trying to figure out what to do for Colorado," he said.

More personnel changes could be coming if things don't change.

"My goal is to see who wants to be there," Martino said of his team. "There are a lot of hockey players out there. If this is how they want to play, it makes my decision a lot easier."

"This was disappointing as we had a pretty good crowd tonight."

Tulsa returns to the BOK Center on Tuesday to play the Colorado Eagles in a 7:05 p.m. game.

## Rapid City 5, Tulsa 1

| Rapid City | 2 | 3 | 0 | — | 5 |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tulsa      | 0 | 0 | 1 | — | 1 |

**FIRST PERIOD:** 1, Rapid City, Olson 5 (Unassisted), 5:53. 2, Rapid City, Zultek (Fritshaw) 2, 15:40. **Penalties:** Rapid City, Fritshaw (Interference), 3:06. Rapid City, Flamminio (Roughing), 7:26. Tulsa, Camper (Roughing), 7:26. Tulsa, Rigamonti (Hooking), 11:38.

**SECOND PERIOD:** 3, Rapid City, Stephens (Olson) 1, :56. 4, Rapid City, Zultek (Flamminio) 3, 7:37 (pp). 5, LeBlanc (Fritshaw, VanderVeecken) 19, 15:23 (pp). **Penalties:** Tulsa, Riddle (Too many men), 5:58. Rapid City, Goulet (Roughing), 13:17. Tulsa, Hansen (Roughing, Unsportsmanlike conduct, Unsportsmanlike conduct), 13:17.

**THIRD PERIOD:** 6, Tulsa, Maccarone (Unassisted) 1, 19:32. **Penalties:** Rapid City, Zultek (Hooking), 10:25. Tulsa, Camper (Too many men), 11:34. Tulsa, St. Pierre (Delay of game), 14:07. Rapid City, Goulet (Hooking), 14:25.

**Shots:** Rapid City 12-15-15—42  
**Tulsa:** 13-5-18—36  
**Saves:** Rapid City, Ramage 12 5 17—35  
**Tulsa:** Parley 10-9—19  
**Tulsa, St. Pierre:** 3-15—18  
**Referee:** Steve Cruickshank. A. 5,578

# OU pins hopes on Bedlam sweep

BY MATT DOYLE  
World Sports Writer

In a 365-day span, the Bedlam Series in wrestling has seen a reversal of fortunes.

Throughout the rivalry's history, and particularly from 1996-2007, Oklahoma State owned Oklahoma on the mat. The Cowboys won 19 consecutive duals against the Sooners, did not suffer a loss in 27 consecutive Bedlam battles and saw the margin in the overall series increase to a 100-victory difference.

That was then. This is now. The Sooners have won the past two Bedlam battles (18-15 last Feb. 21 in Norman, and 18-15 on Dec. 7 in Norman.)

In Sunday's rematch in Stillwater, the Sooners will attempt to win three consecutive Bedlam matches for the first time in 28 years and sweep the season series for the first time in 16 years.

"We're not focusing on that," OU 149-pounder Kyle Terry said of the Sooners' recent success. "We have talked about treating this as just another Bedlam and try to take another one."

But there is no mistaking the Sooners' (16-3 overall, 1-3 Big 12) confidence growth from conquering the Cowboys.

Current and past members of teams that endured the streak of no success in the series always expressed "hope" for a victory entering previous Bedlam matches. Now the feeling is "belief" that victory can occur.

"The atmosphere in the (wrestling) room seemed to be that of an underdog," OU 141-pounder Seth Vernon said. "But now, God-willing, if we work hard and wrestle our best, things can go our way. We have a little more certainty about ourselves."

In Stillwater, there has not been a lot of certainty about the Cowboys' performance

this season (14-7 overall, 0-4 Big 12).

The seven dual losses match the most in coach John Smith's 18-year OSU coaching tenure. However, Smith always talks about the journey every season takes. For him, the most important stages of the journey awaits with the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments next month.

Bedlam is the last preparation for those stages.

"This match has a little bit more significance about it to find out where we are as a team," Smith said. "There is Bedlam and then there is a team who is coming down to the end who has struggled throughout the year and hope that it gets better with each outing."

"If we have a chance of wrestling well at the end, this is a good start for us to have a meet and wrestle up to our capability."

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**Where:** Gallagher-Iba Arena, Stillwater  
**When:** 2 p.m. Sunday  
**TV:** FSOK-27

### LINEUPS (OU listed first)

- 125:** Joey Fio (18-3) vs. Obe Blanc (24-7)  
**133:** Brian Shelton (13-4) vs. Chris Notte (25-6)  
**141:** Seth Vernon (15-7) vs. Jamal Parks (24-7)  
**149:** Kyle Terry (24-1) vs. Luke Silver (17-12)  
**157:** Chad Terry (17-4) vs. Neil Erisman (28-8)  
**165:** Ryan Smith (15-8) vs. Brandon Mason (24-7)  
**174:** Jeff James (21-3) vs. Newly McSpadden (16-6)  
**184:** Pat Flynn (22-5) vs. Cody Hill (15-11)  
**197:** Eric Lapotsky (22-5) vs. Clayton Foster (25-3)  
**285:** Nathan Fernandez (20-7) vs. Jared Rosholt (28-2)

# Arkansas drops overtime decision at South Carolina

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Devan Downey scored 25 points, including four free throws in the final 12 seconds of overtime to help South Carolina to an 82-78 win over Arkansas on Saturday night.

Downey's pair of free throws with 12 seconds left

gave the Gamecocks (19-6, 8-4 SEC) a 78-74 lead — the first time either team had been up by more than three in the extra period.

Zam Fredrick made two free throws with 5.3 seconds left to stretch the Gamecocks' lead to three.

Jason Henry scored 27 to lead Arkansas (13-12, 1-11).

| SOUTH CAROLINA | 82 | ARKANSAS | 78 | OT   |
|----------------|----|----------|----|------|
| ARKANSAS       | 26 | 40       | 12 | — 78 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 30 | 36       | 16 | — 82 |

**ARKANSAS (13-12):** Washington 10, Clarke 14, Fortson 12, Welsh 7, Sanchez 2, Henry 27, Britt 6.

**SOUTH CAROLINA (19-6):** Downey 25, Holmes 11, Fredrick 12, Archie 8, Muldrow 7, Baniulis 14, Raley-Ross 5.

**3-point goals:** Arkansas 7-17 (Clarke 4-8, Henry 2-4, Fortson 1-1-1-3), South Carolina 10-25 (Downey 4-7, Baniulis 4-7, Raley-Ross 1-4, Fredrick 1-4-3). **Fouled out:** Muldrow, Welsh. **Rebounds:** Arkan-

sas 46 (Henry 12), South Carolina 29 (Holmes 8). **Assists:** Arkansas 11 (Fortson, Washington 3), South Carolina 12 (Fredrick 4). **Total fouls:** Arkansas 24, S. Carolina 16. **A:** NA.

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