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The Lady Vols will meet the winner of Friday night's second game, between Texas and Louisiana Tech, for the championship on Sunday.

"We figured if it was a high-scoring game, Long Beach would win," said **Tennessee Coach Pat Head Summitt.** "We thought if we kept their points in the 50s or 60s, we would win."

She said the Lady Vols "played smart. We did well on the boards, but basically we took away their transition game and easy baskets. We got caught several times, but basically it was a half-court game.

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"We missed shots we normally make and that really hurt our confidence," said Long Beach Coach Joan Bonvicini. "It was most impressive the way they hit their free throws in the last 3 minutes."

Bonvicini said that Long Beach State "tried everything, but we couldn't get enough turnovers out of our press. They are a very, very good team and showed a lot of poise. They did play smart."

Tennessee, which will take a 27-6 record into the championship game, held Long Beach well under its 96.7 average with a tenacious defense, although Cindy Brown scored 27 points and Penny Toler added 23 for the Lady 49ers.

With the score tied at 55-55 midway through the second half, the Lady Vols made a 9-0 run that put the game away before a record tournament crowd of 15,615.

Melissa McCray, who scored 14 points, made two baskets and Tennessee proceeded to hit 11 straight free throws as Long Beach fouled trying to cut the deficit.

Long Beach, which finished with a 33-3 record, had a 30-28 lead at halftime after overcoming a 10-point deficit when the Lady 49ers went more than 5 minutes without scoring a basket. The Tennessee victory broke a 13game winning streak by the Lady 49ers.



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It would seem, then, that because the three-pointer and shot clock are being used together for the first time, this Final Four ushers in the Era of the Offense.

And the teams sound ready to do it.

"We're going to try and push the pace, and they're going to try and push the pace on us," Providence Coach Rick Pitino said of the game with Syracuse. "It's going to be a fast game because they're more than willing to run with us."

Same in Second Game

Sure thing, Monroe said. "If they run, we feel like that's running right

Triple Threat

Providence has a triple threat in shooters Billy Donovan, Delray Brooks and Ernie Lewis.

But the inside game has gotten better with David Kipfer and Steve Wright, and the Friars burned Georgetown by taking the ball to the hoop while the Hoyas concentrated on stopping the outside shooting.

"We're going to have to mix it up, Pitino said, "because they're going to mix it [their defense] up."

Syracuse doesn't want to sag into the middle so much so as to give the Friar bombers room.

"We'll run right at them and not care so much if they have to put the ball on the floor and go around us,"

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Agent denies alleged threatening of athletes

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) - Norby Walters, under investigation by the FBI in connection with alleged threats of violence in a battle of sports agents to represent college football players, denied Friday that he was involved in the threats.

"It's ludicrous, it's sickening, it's vile, it's nauseating," Walters said of published reports linking him to the threats. "I do believe the [sports] agents who are my competitors will tell any of these young men to say anything to try to break a contract," he said. A federal law enforcement source, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the FBI's Dallas office has launched an investigation of alleged threats by several sports agents. The New York Times, quoting other sources in its Friday editions, reported that the Dallas FBI office had recorded a telephone conversation between player agent Lloyd Bloom and former Southern Methodist University wide receiver Ronald Morris in which Bloom was alleged to have threatened to

have Morris' hands broken if he signed with another agent.

Bloom works for Walters' firm, World Sports and Entertainment Inc.

The newspaper also quoted unnamed sources as saying the FBI was investigating alleged threats made against another former SMU player, Jeff Atkins. Both Atkins and Morris are currently under contract with another management firm. A source told the Associated Press that the Chicago office of the FBI had been brought into a police investigation in Skokie, Ill., where Kathe Clements, a vice president of the Zucker Sports Entertainment Group was beaten unconscious and stabbed in the arm by a man wearing a ski mask. Clements is the wife of former Notre Dame quarterback Tom Clements, now with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. FBI agents in both Dallas and Chicago refused to confirm or deny whether they were involved in investigations, citing bureau policy.

Walters said he has filed suit against five former college football players he said broke their contracts with him and signed with other agents -Rod Woodson of Purdue; Ronnie Harmon, formerly of Iowa and now with the Buffalo Bills; Brent Fullwood, Auburn; Terrence Flagler, Clemson; and Tony Woods of the University of Pittsburgh. "All they did was sign contracts with the blessings of their parents and accepted support [from Walters | during their senior year," Walters said. 'I'm the guy who has done right. They're the ones who have done wrong. That's why I'm suing everyone of them." Walters admitted that he signed players while they were still in school and, in some cases, gave them money. The NCAA allows undergraduate athletes to consult agents, but prohibits them from entering into an agreement or accepting cash or discussing financial arrangements before their eligibility expires.

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"We're over at the Westin," Tarnian said. "Come on over. Lois ould love to see you."

Driesell laughed. "I figured your one was off the hook," he said. 'ou're a celebrity now."

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MORNING REPORT

GOOD SKATE. North Dakota sophomore Tony Hrkac, who set an NCAA record for points this season, was named the 1987 winner of the Hobey Baker Award as the nation's top college hockey player.

BETTER LATE.... Rhodi Karella crossed the finish line in Nome, Alaska, late Thursday, 19 days 9 hours 1 minute after she started, winning the "red lantern award" for last place in the 1,157-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Karella, a 47-year-old real estate agent from Willow, Alaska, finished her first Iditarod eight days behind Susan Butcher.

RETURN OF GREEN WAVE. Men's college basketball will probably return to Tulane

University in time for the 1990-1991 season, according to a report in Friday's editions of The New Orleans Times-Picayune. Tulane President Eamon Kelly disbanded the program in the midst of a burgeoning point-shaving and payoff scandal in 1985. At the time, Kelly said the demise of the basketball program was permanent. He later softened his stand. Tulane's Board of Administrators is scheduled to meet April 16 to consider a recommendation from its athletic committee that essentially calls for basketball to be resurrected.

N. KOREA SOCKED. World soccer's governing body, FIFA, barred North Korea from 1988 Olympic soccer and imposed financial sanctions after it failed to show for a qualifying

round. North Korea refused to play, claiming it should automatically enter the finals as a cohost of the Games, which have been awarded to Seoul, capital of South Korea.

JOB STILL OPEN. A South Alabama spokesman denied a published report that said Austin Peay Coach Lake Kelly had been offered the basketball coaching job. Kelly told the Clarksville (Tenn.) Chronicle that he was not using the South Alabama opportunity as a "bargaining tool" with Austin Peay President Robert Riggs. South Alabama officials also have asked former Maryland coach Lefty Driesell to consider taking over the Jaguars.

TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL. About 150 stu-

dents gathered for an "SMU, Now More Than Ever" rally in Dallas to try to shake off the depression from the demoralizing football scandal. The event also was designed to remind students about the sports untouched by scandal. Basketball, lacrosse, rugby and tennis players took turns with golfers, runners and swimmers in touting their sports.

POP GOES THE JOB. Michael Wilson, will be on hand for the NCAA tournament in New Orleans this weekend, but he will be unemployed when he returns home. After Wilson won a trip to the tournament in a contest, his bosses "strongly advised" that he reject the prize. So he resigned from his job with Coca-Cola. The contest was sponsored by Pepsi-Cola.

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"It was a great night for women's basketball, a great crowd," Louisiana Tech Coach Leon Barmore said. "This game was presented like no other ever before."

Barmore said he wasn't that surprised by the result.

"I thought we could come here and beat Texas if we got balanced scoring - and we did," Barmore said. "Stacey Davis did a great job on Andrea Lloyd and that was a big key for us. We match up pretty well with Tennessee. We've played them before and it's always been a pretty physical game.

The Techsters ended a 25-game winning streak by the Lady Longhorns and ran their own success string to 19.

Texas Coach Jody Conradt took the loss good-naturedly.

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Consider the scoring averages the four have rung up through the tournament - Providence 93, Indiana 91, UNLV 88 and Syracuse 87.

For some historical perspective, note this - only two teams this decade have scored as many as 87 points in a Final Four game: Louisville last year and Houston in 1983, both in the semifinals.

It would seem, then, that because the three-pointer and shot clock are being used together for the first time, this Final Four ushers in the Era of the Offense.

And the teams sound ready to do it. "We're going to try and push the pace, and they're going to try and push the pace on us," Providence Coach Rick Pitino said of the game with Syracuse. "It's going to be a fast game because they're more than willing to run with us."

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Sure thing, Monroe said. "If they run, we feel like that's running right

Triple Threat

Providence has a triple threat in three-point shooters Billy Donovan, Delray Brooks and Ernie Lewis.

But the inside game has gotten better with David Kipfer and Steve Wright, and the Friars burned Georgetown by taking the ball to the hoop while the Hoyas concentrated on stopping the outside shooting.

"We're going to have to mix it up, Pitino said, "because they're going to mix it [their defense] up."

Syracuse doesn't want to sag into the middle so much so as to give the Friar bombers room.

"We'll run right at them and not care so much if they have to put the ball on the floor and go around us,"

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Agent cries conspiracy over alleged threats

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DALLAS, TEXAS — Sports agent Norby Walters said he was interviewed by two Federal Bureau of

Walters said he had signed nearly 20 players last year. Only two of the 20, Paul Palmer of Temple and John Clay of Missouri, remain as clients of his company, World Sports and Entertainment Inc., according to other agents. But Walters said that he still had a number of players under contract. Walters said he would sue the agents who he said were spreading the rumors, and might "take to task" the National Football League Players Association, for "making statements in public forums that officers and members of the NFLPA have passed comments on me." He added that he has filed suit against some former college football players he said broke their contracts with him and signed with other agents. One of the players is former Iowa standout Ronnie Harmon, now with the Buffalo Bills, Walters said. According to a story in The Atlanta Constitution March 12, the NFLPA said that two college senior

players had phoned the union to report that Walters had threatened "to break their legs" for firing him. Walters, at the time, denied the allegations. In addition, sources familiar with an FBI inquiry said that the Dallas office of the FBI had a recording of a telephone conversation between Ronald Morris, a wide receiver at Southern Methodist University, and Lloyd Bloom, an associate of Walters, during which Bloom threatened to have Morris' hands broken if he signed with another agent. The FBI in Dallas has neither confirmed nor denied the existence of the investigation or the recording. Referring to the alleged recording and threat by sloom, Walters said: "To the best of my knowledge, my young associate hasn't. I certainly wouldn't condone it had he, and I certainly wouldn't have suggested it."

HE IS friend to all life's downtrodden and unfashionable. After a practice session in the Superdome, Tarkanian was hanging out near the stands when who but Lefty Driesell leaned over and extended a right hand. Driesell, you'll recall, was fired at Maryland in the aftermath of Len Bias' death.

"We're over at the Westin," Tarkanian said. "Come on over. Lois would love to see you."

Driesell laughed. "I figured your phone was off the hook," he said. "You're a celebrity now."

Believe it or not, Tarkanian doesn't even hate officials. He stands there

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LOUISIANA TECH (79) Davis 1-6 0-0 2, Lewis 9-16 2-2 20, Harrison 9-13 2-5 20, Weatherspoon 7-11 5-7 19, Lawson 6-11 0-0 12, Westbrooks 0-0 0-0 0, Stall 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 35-60 9-14. **TEXAS** (75)

Lloyd 2-9 3-57, Jones 3-50-06, Davis 10-22 4-6 24, Williams 10-18 3-4 23, Wimbish 6-13 1-3 13, McBride 0-2 0-00, Anderson 0-10-00, Bayer 0-0 0-00, Moegle 1-20-02, Hall 0-10-00. Totals 32-73

Halftime-Louisiana Tech 40, Texas 36. Fouled out-Lloyd. Rebounds-Louisiana Tech 33 (Davis 8), Texas 41 (Davis 10). Assists—Louisiana Tech 18 (Weatherspoon 11), Texas 12 (Lloyd, Davis 3). Total Fouls-Louisiana Tech 15, Texas 16. A-15,615.

Investigation agents in his New York office Friday regarding alleged threats made by him and an associate against various football players and agents. Walters denied having made threats or having any

knowledge about threats.

Walters said the allegations were part of a plan by "a few agents" to force him out of the business and that they had "put up a number" of football players to spread the rumors.

"There is a conspiracy of the other agents," Walters said in an interview by telephone from his office. "They are spreading all of these rumors because of the fact that they don't want me to be in the business because in my second year in the business, I signed more potential first-rounders than anyone had ever done in the history of the footballagent business."

Bloom was traveling Friday on the West Coast. Walters said, and was unavailable for comment.

MORNING REPORT

GOOD SKATE. North Dakota sophomore Tony Hrkac, who set an NCAA record for points this season, was named the 1987 winner of the Hobey Baker Award as the nation's top college hockey player.

BETTER LATE. ... Rhodi Karella crossed the finish line in Nome, Alaska, late Thursday, 19 days 9 hours 1 minute after she started, winning the "red lantern award" for last place in the 1,157-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Karella, a 47-year-old real estate agent from Willow, Alaska, finished her first Iditarod eight days behind Susan Butcher.

RETURN OF GREEN WAVE. Men's college basketball will probably return to Tulane

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University in time for the 1990-1991 season, according to a report in Friday's editions of The New Orleans Times-Picayune. Tulane President Eamon Kelly disbanded the program in the midst of a burgeoning point-shaving and payoff scandal in 1985. At the time, Kelly said the demise of the basketball program was permanent. He later softened his stand. Tulane's Board of Administrators is scheduled to meet April 16 to consider a recommendation from its athletic committee that essentially calls for basketball to be resurrected.

N. KOREA SOCKED. World soccer's governing body, FIFA, barred North Korea from 1988 Olympic soccer and imposed financial sanctions after it failed to show for a qualifying round. North Korea refused to play, claiming it should automatically enter the finals as a cohost of the Games, which have been awarded to Seoul, capital of South Korea.

JOB STILL OPEN. A South Alabama spokesman denied a published report that said Austin Peay Coach Lake Kelly had been offered the basketball coaching job. Kelly told the Clarksville (Tenn.) Chronicle that he was not using the South Alabama opportunity as a "bargaining tool" with Austin Peay President Robert Riggs. South Alabama officials also have asked former Maryland coach Lefty Driesell to consider taking over the Jaguars.

TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL. About 150 stu-

dents gathered for an "SMU, Now More Than Ever" rally in Dallas to try to shake off the depression from the demoralizing football scandal. The event also was designed to remind students about the sports untouched by scandal, Basketball, lacrosse, rugby and tennis players took turns with golfers, runners and swimmers in touting their sports.

SUPER SUPPORTERS. A huge crowd for a high school basketball game - 24,041 fans watched Friday night as Clay County and Madison Central won in the quarterfinals of Kentucky's Boys' State tournament at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The crowd surpassed the old paid attendance record of 21,342 in a quarterfinal doubleheader in 1982.