

CN Morning Rundown: ORU Upsets Ohio State, Wins First NCAA Tournament Game in 47 Years

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ORU Shocks Ohio State; Wins First NCAA Tournament Game in 47 Years

Major upsets have become commonplace in the NCAA Men's basketball tournament over the past few years, but Friday's 75-72 South Regional overtime victory for Oral Roberts University over Ohio State shocked many in the college basketball world—and for many reasons.

ORU, a private charismatic university in Tulsa, Oklahoma, became only the ninth No. 15 seed ever to defeat at No. 2 seed in the post-season tourney. No. 15 seeds, as of this game, are 9-132 overall in the NCAA Tournament.

Moreover, it was the Golden Eagles' first victory in the NCAA tournament since 1974. That season, ORU made to the Elite Eight before losing to Kansas, 93-90.

Public Speech or Private Prayer? Former High School Football Coach Loses Appeal

A federal appeals court has unanimously ruled that a Washington school district did not violate the religious and free speech rights of former Bremerton, Washington, former high school football coach Joe Kennedy when it fired him in 2015.

"Kennedy's attempts to draw nationwide attention to his challenge to the District showed that he was not engaging in

private prayer,” Judge Milan Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit wrote in the decision, attributing Kennedy’s actions to a desire for publicity. “Instead, he was engaging in public speech of an overtly religious nature while performing his job duties.”

The three-judge panel affirmed a district court’s previous ruling in favor of the school district rather than Kennedy, a retired Marine Corps gunnery sergeant.

Will You Continue to Wear a Mask After You’re Vaccinated?

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the octogenarian immunologist who serves as the director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the chief medical advisor to the president, now says that even after receiving both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, you should continue to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

However, Fauci also has said, according to Axios, the CDC believes three feet of physical separation is now okay, instead of the six-foot social distancing we’ve had to observe for the past 12 months, since “we don’t yet know if the vaccine will stop you from spreading the virus to others.”

Just in case you were tempted to think Fauci and the CDC were growing reasonable, *Reason* magazine alerts us that “The nation’s top health officials think daycare providers should continue requiring children as young as two years old to wear masks at all times—except while eating and napping—and that will remain the case even after all teachers and staff are vaccinated.” {eo}

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