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One more to Final Four

Hoops will take on Kansas after last night's victory

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Coming off a one-point double overtime victory over No. 9 seed Gonzaga last weekend, many thought top-seeded Arizona was more lucky than good after the second-round scare.

Notre Dame was hoping a similar Arizona team would show coming into its Sweet 16 matchup with UA. What Notre Dame hoped for and what it got were two completely different things.

The top-seeded Wildcats (28-3) came out and played flawless basketball at times in a dominating 88-71 victory against No. 5 Notre Dame (24-10).

"We got beat by one heck of a basketball team," Fighting Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "I am very impressed with Arizona ... it was too much for us to handle."

The win moves the Wildcats into an Elite Eight matchup with Kansas tomorrow at 5:05 p.m. MST.

With a win over KU, the Wildcats will not only advance to the Final Four, but head coach Lute Olson will have taken his 500th career victory during his tenure in Tucson.

The Fighting Irish's game plan coming into the game was to run the floor and turn the game into more of a "track meet."

That has been their style all year, but that played right into the hands of the Wildcats. With 12:22 remaining in the first half, Notre Dame point guard Chris Thomas stole the ball from Jason Gardner and it led to an Irish layup and a one-point lead. That was the turning point in the game.

"Coach O (Olson) gave me a stare," Gardner said. "I think that play got me going."

That was the last time Notre Dame would lead in the game. The Wildcats proceeded to go on a 22-3 run over the next six minutes to break the game wide open.

The key to UA's run, and its protection

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KEVIN KLAUS/Arizona Daily Wildcat
Sophomore center Channing Frye enjoys a play with senior forward Luke Walton during Arizona's 17-point victory over Notre Dame last night in Anaheim, Calif. The Wildcats will take on the Kansas Jayhawks tomorrow at 5:05 p.m. MST with a trip to the Final Four on the line.

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Muslims targets of hate crimes

By Aaron Mackey & Bob Purvis
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A recent racially motivated assault on an Arab UA student has many in the Islamic community fearing for their safety, in light of misguided anger from the war in Iraq.

President Pete Likins addressed about 50 Muslim students and Islamic community leaders at a meeting Wednesday of the Muslim Students Association, to diminish growing fears sparked by the Feb. 14 attack on a UA student. The Muslim student's life was threatened after two men forced their way into his apartment.

The attack, the only reported hate crime targeting Arab students at the UA since talks of war with Iraq began, is one of less than 30 hate crimes reported at UA post Sept. 11. Yet some said they fear they could face similar situations.

"The war has empowered the hate crime in the community," said Omar Shahin, director of the Islamic Center of Tucson.

Shahin said that he has seen an increase in verbal threats on Arab students since the beginning of the war, but that a fear of retaliation may cause some violent instances to go unreported.

"What we report and what we know are two different things. I am sure that there are tons of incidents that go unreported," Shahin said.

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UA activists, ROTC see human side of troops

By Shelley Shelton
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While the conflict in Iraq deepens and more military units are deployed, UA ROTC members and peace activists alike agree that everyone should support the troops.

Despite rumors to the contrary, attacks on military students have been relatively few in number.

"We've had a few incidents of people being yelled at, verbal attacks, pretty much minor-league stuff," said U.S. Army Maj. Stewart Slatton, department of military science enrollment adviser.

People might target those in uniform because they are symbolic representatives of the government that makes policies they disagree with, he said.

"Most people understand that those of us

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U.S. faces urban war in Baghdad

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld suggested yesterday that U.S. forces bearing down on Baghdad might lay siege to the capital and hope anti-Saddam Hussein citizens rise up against the government before American troops have to invade the city of 5 million.

Rumsfeld also said the United States and its battlefield allies would accept nothing short of total victory in Iraq.

"There isn't going to be a cease-fire," Rumsfeld told the Senate Appropriations defense subcommittee. He said later, "It will end at the point where that regime does not exist and a new regime is ready to go in its place."

Rumsfeld appeared before two congressional committees

yesterday amid efforts by the Bush administration to counteract speculation that the war effort is bogging down and that it underestimated the need for armored forces to protect attacking U.S. troops' long supply lines inside Iraq.

The defense secretary said there is a near-continuous flow of fresh U.S. forces into

the Persian Gulf, noting that 1,000 paratroopers from the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade jumped into northern Iraq on Wednesday. He estimated that between 1,500 and 2,500 troops are arriving daily.

The total number of American forces in the Gulf region stands at 250,000. Close to 90,000 are in Iraq, a senior defense official said yesterday. That's an increase of some 13,000 since Tuesday.

An additional 100,000 to



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A Marine tank, headed north, drives by a body in central Iraq yesterday.

120,000 ground troops are in the process of heading to the Gulf, including the Army's 1st Armored Division, 1st Cavalry Division and the 2nd and 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiments. Also, elements of the 4th Infantry Division left for Kuwait yesterday from Fort Hood, Texas, although the

ships carrying the division's equipment won't all be there until about April 12.

A senior U.S. military commander, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said yesterday that U.S. special

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