

Angels play their way to big tournament victory and their second NCAA bid

Angels will face Randolph Macon College tonight in their first-round game.

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Managing Editor

The Meredith Angels won the North Carolina - Georgia basketball tournament in Decatur, Ga., this past weekend, defeating both Agnes Scott College and Peace College.

Meredith beat Agnes Scott in Friday's tournament game 86-43.

Hatchell said, "We jumped on them early and led throughout the game with a half-time score of 46-25. We coasted through the second half, and everyone got to play."

Leading scorers for Meredith in the Agnes Scott game were Tracy Sumner with 18 points, Beth Vernon with 13 points, and Amber Scott with 13 points.

Meredith beat local rival Peace College on Saturday

for the second game of the tournament. The Angels led Peace early on with a half-time score of 46-30.

Leading scorers for the final game were Tracy Sumner with 20 points, Beth Vernon and Amber Scott with 14 points each, and Ruth Stephenson and Tina Harkness with 10 points each.

In addition to winning the tournament, for the second time in three years the team came home with a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) bid to the Division III National Basketball Tournament.

The NCAA is a voluntary association of approximately 1,200 colleges, universities, athletic conferences and sports organizations.

Eighteen first-round games are scheduled for March 5 and 16 second-round games for March 8. Second-round winners will advance to one of four sectional sites scheduled for March 14 and March 15.

Winners of the four sectional games will advance to the finals held on March 21 and March 22. All games, except the finals, will be played on the campuses of competing institutions. The finals will be played at Hulbert Arena, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind.

Meredith will play in a first-round game tonight against Randolph Macon College at Randolph Macon at 7 p.m.

Good luck, Angels!

World News Brief

ANDREA GILLIKIN
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- Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the al Qaeda leader who is believed to be the top planner of the Sept. 11 attacks, was arrested by U.S. officials. The capture of Mohammed was a real breakthrough in the war on terrorism. Mohammed can be linked to every al Qaeda attack in the last five years.
- Iraq has said this week that it will not continue destroying missiles if the U.S. keeps pushing for military action against them. Iraqi General al-Saadi said that Iraq has met Hans Blix's deadline by destroying 10 missiles.
- Jacques Chirac, president of France, visited Algeria this week, marking the first visit they have had by a French president since gaining independence from France in 1962. Chirac gave Algeria's President Abdeliziz Bouteflika the silver seal of the last ruler of the Algerians, which was taken by French forces in 1830.

● Two suspected members of the Italian the Red Brigades were caught this week. Desdemona Lioce, who has been hiding from officials since 1995, and a partner were caught on a train when they pulled a pistol on the train worker who was checking identification papers. The fight left one Italian policeman killed and another injured.

● Turkey may reconsider the vote to let U.S. troops into their country. The request for U.S. military space in Turkey was turned down earlier this week. Recep Tayyip Erdogan, leader of the ruling Justice and Development Party, said, "If deemed necessary, this step [a second motion] will be taken."

● Police are staging a reconstruction of the last day of the American artist Margaret Muller, who was killed while jogging in London. Muller, 27, was killed in Victoria Park on Feb. 3. The police hope the reconstruction will help retrace the steps leading up to the murder and possibly help find Muller's killer.

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