

# Iowa eyes first Final Four trip since 1980

**HOUSTON (AP)** Alvaro Folgueiras converted a critical three-point play when Nebraska only had four defenders on the floor, and ninth-seeded Iowa continued its unpredictable NCAA Tournament run under first-year coach Ben McCollum, beating Nebraska 77-71 in a South Region semifinal on Thursday night.

Bennett Stirtz scored 20 points and Folgueiras had 16 for the Hawkeyes (24-12), who knocked off top-seeded Florida in the second round on Folgueiras' 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

Iowa will face another Big Ten rival, Illinois, on Saturday for a spot in the Final Four. McCollum, who won four Division II national titles at Northwest Missouri State, has now led Iowa to its fifth Elite Eight and first since 1987.

Iowa became the lowest-seeded team from the Big Ten to reach a re-



**Iowa forward Alvaro Folgueiras celebrates after defeating Nebraska in the Sweet 16 Thursday in Houston.**

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gional final since seeding began in 1979.

“Cinderella, whatever they want to call us, just we’re in the Elite Eight,” McCollum said. “That’s what they need to call

us.”

Fourth-seeded Nebraska (28-7) took an early 10-point lead against its conference foe, and Iowa tied it four times but never led until Stirtz buried

a 3-pointer to make it 68-65 with 2:10 to go. Sage Tate hit another 3 to cap a 9-0 run and put Iowa ahead 71-65.

The Cornhuskers got within three on a sec-

ond-chance 3 by Braden Frager, but they were disorganized on the inbound play, leaving Folgueiras unguarded near the rim. He slammed it home — popping up

screaming after he finished through contact as Iowa fans roared — and converted the free throw for a six-point lead.

Another dunk by Folgueiras with 34 seconds left made it 76-68.

For Stirtz and McCollum, this March Madness run continues a journey that began at Northwest Missouri State and continued last season at Drake before the pair both moved on to Iowa.

“It’s been a hell of a ride,” McCollum said.

“But it’s far from over.”

Stirtz credited McCollum for turning him into a “great person off the court and a great player on the court,” but he had trouble sharing too much more about his coach.

“I don’t want to talk about it that much. I get emotional,” he said. “That’s just another topic for after the season that we can look at. Right now, just focus on the next game.”

## BACK-TO-BACK AYVL CHAMPS



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**Pictured are the back-to-back Ashland Youth Volleyball League champions, coached by Kevin Hill. They are undefeated over two seasons.**

### PUBLIC NOTICES

**BOYD CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 25-CI-00604**

**NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**vs. ADVERTISEMENT**

**SAMUEL CALTON GROVES;  
CANDICE RENEE CRUM;  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT,**

**DEFENDANTS.**

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on March 3, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11:05 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **7.625% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

**Address of Property:** 3422 Blackburn Avenue, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 857, Page 557, Boyd County Clerk's Office)  
**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 031-16-11-005.00

**NOTE** - Only delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be paid from the sale proceeds. The Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the taxes for the current year and thereafter.

/s/ Kenneth Williams, Jr.  
KENNETH WILLIAMS, JR.  
BOYD CIRCUIT COURT  
MASTER COMMISSIONER

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**BOYD CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00261**

**ADS TAX LIEN COMPANY, LLC,**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**vs. ADVERTISEMENT**

**PAMELA KAY GARTIN,  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAMELA KAY GARTIN,  
TAX BRAKE KY, LLC,  
CITY OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY, and  
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,**

**DEFENDANTS.**

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on March 20, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11:45 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

**Address of Property:** 515 10th Street, Catlettsburg (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 716, Page 420, Boyd County Clerk's Office)  
**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 039-01-10-003.00

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**BOYD CIRCUIT COURT  
CIVIL ACTION NO. 26-CI-00009**

**KAR TAX LIEN PORTFOLIO, LLC,**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**vs. ADVERTISEMENT**

**MICHAEL MASSIE,  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL MASSIE,  
ASHLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL,  
CITY OF ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, and  
COUNTY OF BOYD, KENTUCKY,**

**DEFENDANTS.**

Pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale entered on March 20, 2026, I shall sell the property described herein below at public auction in the lobby inside the front door of the old Boyd County Courthouse, Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on **Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11:40 a.m.**, to highest bidder on the following terms:

Full purchase price will be due at time of sale, payable by personal, business or official check. We do not accept cash. **IF the Master Commissioner has pre-approved the surety and collateral for a bidder's bond**, a down payment of ten-percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at time of sale, and the unpaid balance with interest at the rate of **12% per annum** will be due within thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

**Address of Property:** 336 Ferry Street, Ashland (For Legal Description, see LSOT: Deed Book 860, Page 5, Boyd County Clerk's Office)  
**Map/Parcel ID Number:** 030-11-10-026.00

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