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Creighton's Arthur Kaluma (24), Baylor Scheierman (55), Ryan Nembhard (2) and Ryan Kalkbrenner (11) and the rest of the Jays came so close to the Final Four that the city of Omaha could taste it. But Creighton came up short.

## Be proud of these Jays, even to the (bitter) end

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — For as long as they play basketball at Creighton University, they will never forget it. Or understand it. Or get over it.

You could see that much as the Jays walked slowly to their locker room Sunday afternoon.



TOM SHATEL

The players stared down or straight ahead. Baylor Scheierman was sobbing uncontrollably. As they made their way to a devastated locker room, Creighton players had to squeeze over as KFC Yum! Center workers quickly rolled out the sections for the award stand.

Where San Diego State would celebrate a trip to the Final Four after a 57-56 Elite Eight victory.

I've seen a lot of pain and devastation after close losses over the years. It comes with the territory.



Creighton's Arthur Kaluma (24) shoots the ball over San Diego State's Matt Bradley (20). Kaluma scored 12 points Sunday, but the Bluejays lost 57-56 after a foul was called on Ryan Nembhard with 1.2 seconds left.

But I don't know how to describe this one.

For 39 minutes, 58.8 seconds Sunday, we saw everything the NCAA tournament should be with two worthy teams desperately clawing for a trip to the Final Four.

It wasn't pretty. But with every

play and shot that mattered, it was masterpiece theater.

And then we saw how a game of such high stakes should never end.

Ever. With the game tied 56-56,

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## Ukraine demands emergency UN meeting

Putin's plan to station weapons in Belarus is deemed 'nuclear blackmail'

KARL RITTER  
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine's government on Sunday called for an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council to "counter the Kremlin's nuclear blackmail" after Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed plans to station tactical atomic weapons in Belarus.

One Ukrainian official said Russia "took Belarus as a nuclear hostage."

Further heightening tensions, an explosion deep inside Russia wounded three people Sunday. Russian authorities blamed a Ukrainian drone for the blast, which damaged residential buildings in a town just 110 miles south of Moscow.

Russia has said the plan to station tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus comes in response to the West's increasing military support for Ukraine. Putin announced the plan in a TV interview that aired Saturday, saying it was triggered by a U.K. decision this past week to provide Ukraine with armor-piercing rounds containing depleted uranium.

Putin argued that by deploying its tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, Russia was following the lead of the United States. He noted that Washington has nuclear weapons based in Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Turkey.

"We are doing what they have been doing for decades, stationing them in certain allied countries, preparing the launch platforms and training their crews," he said.

Ukraine's Foreign Ministry

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### Weekly forecast

Warmer weather is expected after snowstorm that "fizzled out early."

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Demonstrators pour into streets after Netanyahu fires official for challenging judicial plan. Page A7

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## U.P. drops push for one-person train crews

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AP Business Writer

Union Pacific has become the second major freight railroad in the past week to back away from the industry's longstanding push to cut train crews down to one person as lawmakers and regulators increasingly focus on

rail safety following last month's fiery derailment in Ohio.

The Omaha-based railroad said in a statement Saturday that it had reached an agreement with the union that represents conductors to drop its proposal to take those workers out of the cabs of locomotives just months after

it was pressing to test the idea of stationing conductors in trucks in parts of its 23-state network. Norfolk Southern made a similar announcement several days earlier.

The Feb. 3 derailment of a Norfolk Southern train forced the evacuation of roughly half the

town of East Palestine near the Ohio-Pennsylvania border after officials released and burned toxic chemicals. The incident has sparked the renewed interest in railroad safety. A bipartisan bill that's gaining support in

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