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When Dayton's name came up on the big board during the tournament seeding announcements Sunday night, players jumped out of their chairs, fans hopped and hollered, and Flyer cheerleaders rained a shower of balls and T-shirts down on the Frericks Center crowd.

The Flyers (26-7) are an 11-seed heading to Minneapolis. They will tip off against the West Virginia Mountaineers (23-11) at approximately 3 p.m. Friday, March 20.

But if those three facts — seed, location, opponent — were a game-show question, most of us at Frericks last night would've walked away penniless. A giddy coach Brian Gregory interrupted his "thank you, fans" remarks to ask where the team was headed. A moment later, guard London Warren did the same thing.

Warren is a fierce defender, but he was having a hard time defending himself from his own tears. Other players had damp eyes, high-fives, big hugs and smooth dance moves as they celebrated, hugged each other and fans, posed for pictures, and looked forward to another game.

The moment culminated a spectacular season. After winning 20 straight home games — just one short of the school record — the Flyers finished the season unbeaten at home for the first time since the UD Arena opened in 1969. The squad's wins are the most recorded in a regular season.

Alumni are invited to "get Flyered up" with the pep band and cheerleaders at a pre-game breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 20, at the McNamara Alumni Center on the East Bank of the University of Minnesota campus (200 Oak St. SE).

Cost is $15 for advance registration or $20 at the door. Call the alumni relations office at 1-888-UD ALUMS (1-888-832-5867) to register. Alumni also can register online on the University of Dayton's alumni Web site. For game ticket information, call 1-800-GOPHER.