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Vols drop Gators, 32-0 in rugby; rain blocks UT from TV appearance

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Rain kept Tennessee out of its national television slot.

All the Vols rugby sevens team has to do to make up for it is win in the quarterfinals this morning.

UT picked up its second win in group play of the USA Sevens Collegiate Championship Invitational with a 32-0 laugher over Florida on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. But bad weather delayed their battle at the top of Pool B with San Diego State in the afternoon, forcing the 19-14 win for the Aztecs off the scheduled NBC telecast and leaving UT's bid for a broadcast up to a victory in the championship bracket against defending national champion California at noon.

The Vols and Aztecs went down to the wire in the fast-paced, more wide-open style of rugby at Columbus Crew Stadium, with the latter sneaking out with the group title in a battle of the unbeatens. That forces high-scoring Samuel Anderson (13 points Saturday) and the Vols to take a more difficult road to television against the Pool A-winning Bears.

All semifinals in the challenger and championship tournaments today are scheduled to be shown on Universal starting at 2 p.m. The final games will be back on NBC starting at 4:20.



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