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Paul Tsongas wins the 1992 New Hampshire primary, but the real surprise is Bill Clinton. His campaign was faltering, but he pulls off a second-place finish in New Hampshire.

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## **Transcript**

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KATIE COURIC, co-host: Former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas won New Hampshire's Democratic Primary last night as expected with 34 percent of the vote. NBC's Lisa Myers is in Manchester this morning with more on last night's results

Good morning. Lisa.

LISA MYERS, reporting:

Good morning, Katie.

The top two finishers have plenty to celebrate. Bill Clinton showed he can take a heck of a punch, and Paul Tsongas proved that fairy tales can come true.

PAUL TSONGAS: When I was cast aside, you took me in. You gave me sustenance and you will live in my heart forever.

MYERS: Tsongas won because of the power of his ideas and because he was perceived as a man of courage. He says voters sent Washington a message.

TSONGAS: Just tell us the truth--just tell us the truth.

MYERS: But the happiest man last night seemed to be Clinton.

BILL CLINTON: New Hampshire tonight has made Bill Clinton the comeback kid.

MYERS: Down for the count a few days ago, Clinton finished a strong second largely on the strength of experience.

CLINTON: I want you to know that I know in November we are going to win a great victory against Pat Buchanan!

MYERS: Kerrey finished the night badly damaged, having lost even the veteran's vote. He'll try to save his candidacy with a victory next week in South Dakota.

BOB KERREY: You hang on to this dream, because we're going to fight all the way to the end.

MYERS: Harkin also bombed in this state, he lost even his own base--liberals and organized labor. He too

will try to rebound in South Dakota.

TOM HARKIN: Do I look like someone who's going to tuck his tail and run? No way.

MYERS: Buoyed by a respectable showing, Brown vowed to continue his low-budget crusade. The good news was that some voters did buy his appeal to send Washington a message. The bad news is that most of them voted for Tsongas.

JERRY BROWN: This has been a victory already for the people of this country.

MYERS: The people of New Hampshire also had a message for the flirtatious governor of New York, Mario Cuomo. The message: 'We're not interested.' Katie:

COURIC: Lisa Myers, thank you so much.