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- Tonight's National Anthem was sung by St. Louis native Nikko Smith, son of Cardinal Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith, who played shortstop for the Cardinals for 15 seasons. Smith was a Season 4 American Idol finalist.
- The 557 media credentials issued for the 2009 NCAA Women's Final Four ranks seventh all-time. The record of 692 was set at the 2000 Philadelphia Final Four. The 1997 Cincinnati Final Four attracted 637.
- Official Lisa Mattingly appeared in the championship game eight of the last nine years. Clarke Stevens made his first NCAA Championship game appearance.
- This is just the second time two male coaches have ever met in the NCAA Championship final. Joe Ciampi of Auburn and Leon Barmore of Louisiana Tech met in the 1988 national title game won by Louisiana Tech, 56-54.
- Last time two teams from the same conference met in the championship finals was 2006 with Maryland and Duke. It is the fourth time overall: 1989 Tennessee and Auburn, 1996 Tennessee and Georgia.
- Six of the last nine champions were from the Big East Conference: 2000 UConn, 2001 Notre Dame; 2002, 2003, 2004 UConn; others include 2005 Baylor (Big 12); 2006 Maryland (ACC); 2007 and 2008 Tennessee (SEC), UConn 2009
- Of the last 28 championships, 14 were either won by UConn (6) or Tennessee (8).
- Among all NCAA conferences, the SEC has won the most championships with eight, followed by the Big East with seven. Big East: UConn 6; Notre Dame 1; SEC: Tennessee 8
- UConn is the fifth team in NCAA history to end the season undefeated (39-0). It is the UConn's second perfect 39-0 season (2002) and third undefeated season (35-0 in 1996).
- Three of the last six national championships were won by No. 2 seeds (2004 UConn, 2005 Baylor, 2006 Maryland). 2007 and 2008 champion Tennessee was a No. 1 seed, and 2009 champion UConn was a No. 1 seed.
- Connecticut's 10 trips to the Final Four is second to Tennessee (18). In percentages, Pat Summitt is 21-10 (.677) in the Final Four Linda Sharp is second at 5-1 (.822), and Geno Auriemma is now 12-3 (.800).
- The semifinals attendance of 18,621 stopped the consecutive NCAA Women's Final Four sellout streak at 16. Prior to this year, the NCAA Women's Final Four had 16 consecutive sellouts and 17 overall sellouts. Tonight's attendance of 18,478 ranks 10th for a championship game dating back to 1982.
- Connecticut established a new tournament record for three-pointers in a tournament (47), breaking the old mark of 44, set three times (Xavier in 2001 over four games; Connecticut in 2004 over six games; Stanford in 2008 over six games). Incidentally, Iowa State made 43 three-pointers in its four-game NCAA Tournament run, tying for fourth on the list with Oklahoma in 2002 and Connecticut in 2003 (both over six games).
- The BIG EAST Conference had both representatives in this year's NCAA national championship game. Three times before, the NCAA title game has featured teams from the same conference, with two of those three featuring all-Southeastern Conference clashes. In 1989, Tennessee defeated SEC mate Auburn, 76-60, in Tacoma, Wash. In 1996, UT downed SEC sister Georgia, 83-65, in Charlotte. Most recently in 2006, Maryland shaded ACC rival Duke, 78-75, in overtime in Boston.
- This is the third time the BIG EAST has had two teams in the Final Four (2000 UConn, Rutgers; 2001 UConn, Notre Dame). This marks the sixth consecutive year (and 15th time overall) that one conference has sent multiple teams to the Final Four. Counting this year, in 10 of the past 15 instances (including the past four years from 2006-09), the league that had more than one Final Four participant ended up having the national champion.
- Louisville is the fourth different BIG EAST Conference school to advance to the NCAA Women's Final Four, joining Connecticut (1991, 1995-96, 2000-04, 2008-09), Notre Dame (1997, 2001) and Rutgers (2000, 2007).
- Tuesday marks the second time two BIG EAST teams have met in the Final Four, and ironically, both games will have taken place in St. Louis. On March 30, 2001, Notre Dame defeated Connecticut, 90-75, in a national semifinal contest at this very same building.

Notes and quotes can be found at NCAA.com

- The BIG EAST swept the women's NCAA and WNIT titles this year after South Florida took the WNIT crown on Saturday with a 75-71 win at Kansas. It's the first time since the inception of the current WNIT in 1998 that one conference has won both women's basketball postseason championships.

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

TEAM

- 22-point victory, tied for 2nd with Baylor (84-62 over Michigan State, 4/5/05) for margin in a championship game and tied for 10th in a Final Four game with three others (most recent was Baylor vs. Michigan State, 4/5/05)
- 30.9 percent by Louisville is the second lowest field goal percentage in a championship game and the 10th lowest in a Final Four game (championship record is 29.6 by W. Kentucky vs. Stanford, 4/5/92; Final Four record is 26.4 set by LSU vs. Rutgers in the semifinals, 4/1/07)
- 33.3 (42-129) is the second lowest percentage for the two-game NCAA series, Louisville, 2009
- 510 points by UConn for the six-game NCAA tournament series ranks third most. UConn owns four of the top six marks.
- .5248 (190-362), 5th best FG percentage for a tournament, UConn, 2009
- 112 three-pointers attempted in a tournament 4th best, UConn, 2009

INDIVIDUAL

- 12 is 4th most rebounds in a half (1st) in a Final Four game and ties for 2nd most in a championship game, Tina Charles, UConn, 4/7/09
- 19 rebounds ranks 3rd in a championship game and 4th in a Final Four game, Tina Charles, UConn, 4/7/09
- 84.6 (11-13) FG percentage ties for 3rd in Final Four game and 2nd in a championship game, Tina Charles, UConn, 4/7/09
- 14-19 (73.7 percent) is 2nd FG percentage in a two-game series, Tina Charles, UConn, 2009
- .719 (46-64) is fourth-best FG Percentage for a tournament, Tina Charles, UConn, 2009
- 18 steals by Angel McCoughtry, Louisville is tied for 8th eighth most for a tournament with Kristin Haynie, Michigan State, 2005
- 255 is the 7th most field goals attempted for an NCAA Tournament career, Renee Montgomery, UConn, 2006-09
- 37 is the 5th most three-pointers in an NCAA Tournament career, Renee Montgomery, UConn, 2006-09
- 120 is the 2nd most three-pointers attempted in an NCAA Tournament career. Renee Montgomery, UConn, 2006-09 (Record is 167 by Diana Taurasi, UConn, 2001-04)

LOUISVILLE NOTES

Raleigh Regional Champions; Ranked No. 7 by Associated Press and USA Today/ESPN

Record: 34-5, 14-2 BIG EAST (2nd); At-Large Bid, No. 3 seed

NCAA Tournament Results: First Round def No. 14-seed Liberty, 62-42; Second Round def No. 6-seed LSU, 62-52; Regional Semifinal def No. 2-seed Baylor, 56-39; Regional Final def. No. 1-seed Maryland, 77-60; National Semifinal def No. 1-seed Oklahoma, 61-59; National Championship lost to No. 1-seed Connecticut, 76-54

Louisville NCAA Notes:

- 30.9 shooting percentage (21-68) by Louisville is the second-lowest field goal percentage in a championship game and the ninth-worst in a Final Four game (the worst shooting mark in a championship game is 29.6 percent by Western Kentucky vs. Stanford, 4/5/92; Final Four record is 26.4 percent set by LSU vs. Rutgers in the semifinals, 4/1/07)
- Louisville's 33.3 percent shooting effort in a two-game Final Four-series is the second-lowest percentage in history (43-for-129) (record is Tennessee in 2007, 30.6 percent, 37-for-121)
- Louisville advanced to its first-ever Elite Eight, Final Four and National Championship game during the 2009 NCAA Tournament
- Louisville became the first team to play three No. 1 seeds since Stanford did so during its 2008 run to the national championship game (def No. 1 Maryland in Regional Final, def No. 1 Connecticut in National Semifinal, lost to No. 1 Tennessee in National Championship game)
- Louisville became just the second team from Kentucky to advance to the Final Four since Western Kentucky in 1992. The Hilltoppers also advance in 1985 and 1986, with only the 1992 team reaching the national title game (lost to Stanford, 78-62)
- Louisville became the 35th different team to earn a spot in the Final Four; seven different teams won the NCAA title in their Final Four debut (Louisiana Tech-1982, Southern California-1983, Texas-1986, Stanford-1990, Texas Tech-1993, North Carolina-1994, Baylor-2005)
- Louisville became the 24th different team to advance to the national championship game (Rutgers in 2007 was the last team to do so)
- There have been two No. 3 seeded teams that have won the NCAA title (1994-North Carolina and 1997-Tennessee)
- The last time a team won the NCAA title in its Final Four debut was Baylor in 2005, which defeated another first-timer Michigan State, 84-62, in the final
- The No. 3 seed owns a 7-4 record in national semifinal games and a 2-5 record in championship games
- Louisville's 14-point comeback against Oklahoma in the national semifinal game (trailed 16-2 with 12:07 to go in the first half) was the fifth-largest deficit overcome in a national semifinal game and the first time a team rallied from a double-digit deficit since April 1, 2007, when Tennessee overcame a 12-point hole, 48-36 with 8:18 remaining in the game against North Carolina; it's the largest comeback since the 2005 national semifinal games, when both games featured rallies (Michigan State trailed Tennessee, 47-31 (16 points), with 16:03 remaining in the game; Baylor trailed 24-9 (15-points) with 7:42 remaining in the first half)

Louisville Team Notes:

- Louisville ends the most successful season in program history having won 13 of its last 15 games, with both losses coming to UConn, (also a 75-36 loss in the BIG EAST championship game)
- Louisville's 34 wins are the most in program history (record was 27 wins in 2006-07 season)
- Louisville ends the year with an 8-3 record this season against nationally-ranked opponents, with all three losses coming against Connecticut
- Three of Louisville's five losses this season were against Connecticut, coming by an average margin of 29.6 points per game
- Tuesday's 30.9 percent shooting percentage (21-68) was Louisville's second lowest this season (lowest field goal percentage of the season was 21.1 percent (12-57) vs. UConn in BIG EAST Championship game)
- Louisville was out-scored in the paint by 18 points (40-22), its largest differential of the season (was 16 vs. UConn, 30-14, in BIG EAST Championship game)

- Louisville sported a 6-3 record this season when wearing BLACK uniforms, including Tuesday's championship game
- Louisville shot 37.5 percent (6-for-16) in the opening 11:43 of the game, when Angel McCoughtry hit 4-of-6 during that span, with her fourth field goal giving the Cardinals a 15-13 lead; Louisville shot just 4-of-21 the rest of the half, with McCoughtry held scoreless, missing all six of her attempts from the floor
- Louisville was held without a field goal for a 9:26 span, that began with 4:40 remaining in the first half and ended with Monique Reid's bucket with 15:14 left in the game
- Tuesday was the fifth time this season Louisville had trailed at halftime; also trailed during Sunday's national semifinal game to Stanford, 34-22; defeated Xavier after trailing 28-24; lost to UConn after trailing 45-32; lost to UConn in BIG EAST Championship game after trailing 50-24 (the Cardinals were 2-3 when trailing at halftime this year)

Louisville Individual Notes:

- Including Tuesday's result, head coach Jeff Walz owns a 7-2 record in NCAA Tournament games
- Walz became only the second head coach to reach the NCAA Championship game with two or less years experience as a head coach (Carolyn Peck was the other, winning the title with Purdue in 1999)
- Walz is the first coach in their second year as a head coach to guide a team to the Final Four since Pokey Chatman led LSU in 2005
- Walz has compiled a 60-15 overall record in his two years as a head coach
- Senior Angel McCoughtry ends her career as Louisville's all-time program leader for points scored (2,779), scoring average (20.0 ppg) rebounding (1,261), steals (481), blocked shots (162), free throws made (552), free throws attempted (774), games played (139)
- McCoughtry's career point total is the most in Louisville basketball history - men's or women's, passing Darrell Griffith's 2,333 points and Nell Knox's previous women's record of 1,899 points
- McCoughtry, who led the country in steals during the 2008-09 season, collected three in Tuesday's game, ending the year with 164
- McCoughtry averaged 20.7 points (124 total) and 9.3 rebounds (56 total) through the six NCAA Tournament games in 2009
- Louisville's senior class includes Candyce Bingham, Angel McCoughtry and Chauntise Wright (Wright missed the 2008-09 season with a knee injury and is expected to return for 2009-10); it is just the second Louisville senior class in program history to participate all four years in the NCAA Tournament
- Bingham ends her two-tenure at Louisville with 985 points, 562 rebounds and 167 assists (spent first two seasons at Xavier)
- Bingham tallied 10 points and 11 rebounds for her 11th double-double of the season
- Louisville's departing senior class compiled a 106-33 record, the most wins during a four-year span in program history
- McCoughtry scored 11 of Louisville's first 15 points, shooting 4-of-6 during the first 11:43 of the game (her 11th point gave Louisville a 15-13 lead); UConn held McCoughtry scoreless for the rest of the half, as she missed all six field goal attempts
- McCoughtry missed nine consecutive shots from the floor during a 17:06 span that ran from 11:43 remaining in the first half to 14:27 left in the game when she put-back an offensive rebound
- McCoughtry was named the Raleigh Regional Most Outstanding Performer

CONNECTICUT NOTES

Trenton Regional Champions; Ranked No. 1 by Associated Press and ESPN/*USA Today*/WBCA

Record: 39-0, 16-0 BIG EAST (1st); Automatic Bid as BIG EAST Tournament champion, No. 1 seed

NCAA Tournament Results: First Round def. Vermont, 104-65; Second Round def. #21/22 Florida, 87-59; Regional Semifinal def. #13/14 California 77-53; Regional Final def. #19/rv Arizona State, 83-64; National Semifinal def. #2/2 Stanford, 83-64; National Championship def. #7/7 Louisville, 76-54.

Connecticut Head Coach Geno Auriemma

- Auriemma has led Connecticut to all six of its NCAA national championships (1995, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009).
- Auriemma ranks first on the NCAA career winning percentage list at .851 (696-122) in his 24th season at Connecticut. He also improves to 71-15 (.826) in NCAA Tournament play.
- Auriemma's 71 NCAA Tournament wins tie him with Duke's Mike Krzyzewski for the second-most in NCAA history (men's or women's). Tennessee's Pat Summitt holds the record with 104 NCAA Tournament victories.
- Auriemma is one of only three coaches with a winning Final Four record among those with six or more games coached. Auriemma is 12-4 in 10 career trips to the Final Four (6-0 in NCAA title games), while USC's Linda Sharp (5-1) and Tennessee's Pat Summitt (21-10) are the other two with winning records.

Connecticut NCAA Tournament Notes

- Connecticut wins its sixth NCAA national championship (1995, 2000, 2002-04, 2009). In their six title-winning seasons, the Huskies are a combined 218-6 (.973) – that's an average of 36.3 wins and one defeat.
- Connecticut is 6-0 in NCAA national championship games. The only other school to go unbeaten in more than one trip to the NCAA title game is Stanford (2-0).
- Connecticut ends a five-year national championship drought, matching its longest between titles (1996-2000).
- Connecticut won each of its six NCAA Tournament games this season by at least 19 points, with an average NCAA Tournament winning margin of +28.3 points per game. Prior to this season, no NCAA champion had won all six of its NCAA Tournament games by more than 15 points (Connecticut 2000).
- Connecticut now has won 36 of its last 39 NCAA Tournament games and is 71-15 (.826) in NCAA Tournament play.
- During the current decade (2000-present), Connecticut is 46-5 (.902) in NCAA Tournament games with five national championships to its credit.
- Connecticut is 53-7 (.883) as a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, including wins in 25 of its last 27 games.
- The last 12 national champions have all been a No. 1 or 2 seed.
- Connecticut set a new NCAA Tournament record by making 47 three-pointers during its six tournament games this year. The previous record for most combined triples in the tournament was 44, set three times (Xavier in 2001 over four games; Connecticut in 2004 over six games; Stanford in 2008 over six games).
- Tonight's 22-point victory tied the second-largest winning margin in NCAA national championship game (Baylor defeated Michigan State, 84-62, 4/5/05), topped only by Tennessee's 23-point win over Louisiana Tech in 1987 (67-44 on 3/29/87 in Austin, Texas). It also matched the 10th-largest victory margin in a Final Four game with three others (most recent was Baylor-Michigan State final in 2005).
- Connecticut scored 510 points in its six-game NCAA Tournament series, ranking third in the NCAA record books. UConn now owns four of the top six marks, including a record-setting 547 points in 2000.
- The Huskies shot .525 (190-362) during their six-game NCAA Tournament run, the fifth-best cumulative field goal percentage in NCAA Tournament history and best since 2002, when Kansas State shot 52.6 percent (81-154) in three tournament games.
- Connecticut attempted 112 three-pointers during this year's six-game NCAA Tournament series, the fourth-best mark in tournament history (UConn holds four of the top six marks, including 116 in 2004, a total tied by Stanford last year).

Connecticut Team Notes

- Connecticut becomes the fifth team in NCAA history to end the season undefeated (39-0). Other undefeated NCAA champions include: 1986 Texas (34-0), 1995 Connecticut (35-0), 1998 Tennessee (39-0), and 2002 Connecticut (39-0).
- Connecticut ties a school and NCAA record with 39 victories this season, a mark the Huskies previously set in 2002, as did Tennessee in 1998.

- Connecticut won every game this season by double digits and became the first team in NCAA history (men's or women's) to go undefeated and win each of its games by at least a 10-point margin. The closest any team came to beating the Huskies this season was 10 points (76-66 vs. Notre Dame on Feb. 22; 69-59 at Rutgers on March 2).
- UConn trailed in the second half only once this season – 43-41 (16:11, 2nd half) vs. Notre Dame on Feb. 22.
- Connecticut went 11-0 against ranked teams this season, with an average winning margin of 27.3 points per game.
- Connecticut trailed for a grand total of 2:49 in tonight's championship game (all in the first nine minutes and never by more than three points) and for only 3:28 in its two Final Four games.
- UConn has held its last 189 opponents to less than a .500 field goal percentage, dating back to March 8, 2004 (a 73-70 loss to Boston College in the BIG EAST Tournament final at Hartford, Conn.).
- UConn's senior class departs with an all-time mark of 139-11 (.927) during their careers in Storrs.
- The Huskies improve to 232-11 (.955) all-time when playing as the top-ranked team in the Associated Press poll.

Connecticut/BIG EAST Conference Notes

- The BIG EAST has fielded its seventh national champion in women's basketball (Connecticut 1995, 2000, 2002-04, 2009; Notre Dame 2001), trailing only the SEC in that category (Tennessee has all eight titles won by that conference).
- Tuesday marked the fourth time that the NCAA national championship game featured teams from the same conference, with two of the previous three featuring all-Southeastern Conference (SEC) clashes. In 1989, Tennessee defeated SEC mate Auburn, 76-60, in Tacoma, Wash. In 1996, UT downed SEC sister Georgia, 83-65, in Charlotte. Most recently in 2006, Maryland shaded ACC rival Duke, 78-75, in overtime in Boston.
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- Louisville is the fourth different BIG EAST Conference school to advance to the NCAA Women's Final Four, joining Connecticut (1991, 1995-96, 2000-04, 2008-09), Notre Dame (1997, 2001) and Rutgers (2000, 2007). The BIG EAST is the fourth conference to have four members reach the Women's Final Four at least once (while a member of that league). The Southeastern Conference has had eight different members (Alabama, Arkansas, Auburn, Arkansas, Georgia, LSU, Tennessee, Vanderbilt) make the Final Four, while both the Atlantic Coast Conference (Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State) and Big Ten Conference (Iowa, Michigan State, Ohio State, Purdue) also have had four Final Four participants through the years. It should be noted that four current Big 12 Conference members (Baylor, Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech) have played in the Women's Final Four. Texas as a member of the Big 12 Conference in 2003, and, along with Texas Tech, did so when they played in the old Southwest Conference.
- Tuesday represented the second time two BIG EAST teams faced off at the Final Four, and ironically, both games took place in St. Louis. On March 30, 2001, Notre Dame defeated Connecticut, 90-75, in a national semifinal contest at this very same building.
- The BIG EAST swept the NCAA and WNIT titles this year, after South Florida took the WNIT crown on Saturday with a 75-71 win at Kansas. It's the first time since the inception of the current WNIT format in 1998 that one conference has won both women's basketball postseason championships.

Connecticut Individual Notes

- Center Tina Charles had a double-double with 2:30 left in the first half when she grabbed her 10th rebound. Charles finished with 25 points and a career-high-tying 19 rebounds, logging her 13th double-double of the season and 38th of her career.
- Charles is the first player to record 15 points and 15 rebounds in the NCAA national championship game since La'Keisha Frett (Georgia) had 25 points and 16 rebounds against Tennessee. Charles is only the sixth 15/15 player in title game history, with only one going for 20 points and 20 rebounds in the NCAA final (North Carolina's Charlotte Smith had 20 points and 23 rebounds in the 1994 championship game vs. Louisiana Tech). Besides Charles, Frett and Smith, the other 15/15 players in NCAA national championship history are: Old Dominion's Tracy Claxton (17/20) and Medina Dixon (18/15) vs. Georgia in 1985; and Stanford's Rachel Hemmer (18/15) vs. Western Kentucky in 1992.
- Charles' 19 rebounds were the third-most in NCAA national championship game history and most since Smith's record-setting 23 rebounds in the 1994 title game against Louisiana Tech (April 3, 1994, in Richmond, Va.). Charles' 19 rebounds also were the fourth-most in any Final Four game, and most since LSU's Sylvia Fowles had 20 rebounds in a national semifinal loss to Tennessee last year.
- Charles' 19 rebounds were the most ever recorded by a Connecticut player in an NCAA Tournament game, topping Kelly Schumacher's previous mark of 17 rebounds in a national semifinal loss to Notre Dame on March 30, 2001, in St. Louis (at this very same arena).

- Charles had 12 rebounds in the first half, tying for the second-most in a single half in the NCAA national championship game (most since North Carolina's Charlotte Smith had 13 rebounds in the second half vs. Louisiana Tech on April 3, 1994). Charles' 12 first-half rebounds also tied the fourth-highest single-half total in any Final Four game, and most since LSU's Sylvia Fowles grabbed 12 rebounds in the second half of last year's national semifinal vs. Tennessee.
- Charles' 31 combined rebounds in this year's Final Four matched the third-highest total in NCAA history, tying Charlotte Smith's total in 1994. The two-game Final Four record is 37 rebounds by Old Dominion's Tracy Claxton in 1985.
- Charles posted an .846 field goal percentage (11-13) in tonight's NCAA national championship game, the second-best shooting performance in title-game history (minimum of eight field goals made), and best since Louisiana Tech's Jennifer White made 8-of-9 shots (.889) in the 1983 final against Southern California. Charles' field goal percentage also was the third-best mark in any Final Four game, and best since Stanford's Kristin Folkl went a perfect 8-for-8 in the Cardinal's 1997 national semifinal loss to Old Dominion.
- Charles shot a combined 14-for-19 (73.7 percent) at this year's Final Four, the second-best combined field goal percentage in NCAA history (minimum of five made field goals), topped only by Tennessee's Abby Conklin, who made 5-of-6 shots (83.3 percent) in the 1997 Final Four.
- During Connecticut's six-game NCAA Tournament run, Charles shot .719 (46-64) from the floor, the fifth-best field goal percentage (minimum of five field goals made per game) in NCAA Tournament history (best since Duke's Michele VanGorp connected at a .722 clip (39-54) in 1999).
- Guard Renee Montgomery finished with 1,990 career points, just missing becoming the sixth Connecticut player to score 2,000 career points, and first since Diana Taurasi in 2004.
- Montgomery attempted 255 field goals in her NCAA Tournament career, the seventh-most in an NCAA Tournament career.
- Montgomery's 37 three-pointers in NCAA Tournament play rank fifth on the all-time NCAA Tournament list.
- Montgomery attempted 120 three-pointers in her NCAA Tournament career, ranking second on the NCAA tourney's all-time list (record is 167 by UConn's Diana Taurasi from 2001-04).
- Guard Kalana Greene will enter her final season with 999 career points, putting her on the brink of becoming the 33rd Connecticut player to score 1,000 career points.
- For the fifth consecutive year, the NCAA national champion features at least one player who was an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American. This season, Connecticut's Maya Moore was a first-team selection (the first for the Huskies since 1995-96 when Jennifer Rizzotti copped the honor), while Tennessee's Candace Parker was the 2008 *ESPN The Magazine* Women's Basketball Academic All-American of the Year. Parker also was a second-team pick in 2007, as was Maryland's Shay Doron in 2006. Baylor's Steffanie Blackmon was a third-team choice in 2005.

Connecticut Miscellaneous Notes

- Connecticut also participated in the Women's Final Four when it last was played in St. Louis in 2001. The Huskies lost to eventual national champion Notre Dame, 90-75, in the national semifinals, at what is now known as the Scottrade Center. This was the second time Connecticut returned to the site of a previous Final Four setback and redeemed itself with a national title -- in 2004, the Huskies earned their way back to New Orleans (where they had lost to Virginia in the 1991 national semifinals at Lakefront Arena) and won the NCAA crown, defeating Tennessee, 70-61 at New Orleans Arena.
- Numerous Connecticut women's basketball alumnae with national championship rings were in attendance at tonight's title game: Ashley Battle (2002-04 champions), Carla Berube (1995), Swin Cash (2000, 2002), Maria Conlon (2002-04), Jamelle Elliott (1995), Rebecca Lobo (1995), Shea Ralph (2000), Jennifer Rizzotti (1995), Ann Strother (2003-04), Ashley Valley (2002-04), Morgan Valley (2002-04), Tamika Williams (2000, 2002), Nicole Wolff (2002-04) and Kara Wolters (1995). Elliott and Ralph now are assistant coaches at Connecticut, while Lobo worked as a sideline reporter for ESPN television and Wolters served as a color analyst on the UConn Radio Network.
- Head coach Geno Auriemma, associate head coach Chris Dailey and assistant coach Jamelle Elliott have been a part of all six Connecticut national championship teams. Auriemma and Dailey have served in their current roles for each championship, while Elliott was a player on the Huskies' 1995 title-winning squad before moving to the sidelines as an assistant coach for UConn's last five crowns (2000, 2002-04, 2009).