The 2023 and 2024 Men's Basketball National Championship Teams: Where are they now?

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Many sports fanatics call the University of Connecticut the "Basketball Capital of the World." Therefore, it is no surprise that the UConn men's basketball team won back-to-back national championships in 2023 and 2024.

That raises a question, though: Where are the players from those national championship rosters now?

In 2023, despite being a No. 4 seed in March Madness, UConn cruised their way to a national title, winning every game in the tournament by a margin of 13 or more points.

The 2023 UConn men's basketball team was led by star big Adama Sanogo, who won the award for Most Outstanding Player in the Final Four that year. After winning the national title, Sanogo went undrafted in the 2023 NBA Draft and joined the Chicago Bulls on a two-way contract. He appeared in just 17 games for the Bulls but dominated in the G League. The Bulls waived Sanogo in 2025, and he would then sign with the Trapani Shark, a professional basketball team in Italy. Sanogo left to join the Hapoel Holon in the Israeli Basketball Premier League where he currently plays.

Jordan Hawkins was a sharpshooter for the Huskies in 2023. Shortly after winning the national championship, Hawkins would declare for the draft where he was picked No. 14 overall by the New Orleans Pelicans. Hawkins played three years for the Pelicans before getting traded to the Memphis Grizzlies who would soon waive him. However, earlier this week, the Chicago Bulls signed Hawkins to a two-way contract.

Andre Jackson Jr. was the co-captain of the Huskies in 2023 alongside Sanogo. He went on to be drafted No. 36 overall by the Orlando Magic, however he was immediately traded to the Milwaukee Bucks. He ended up playing for the Bucks for the following three years. Jackson Jr. became a free agent in June of 2026 and is not on an NBA roster at the moment.

Alex Karaban, Donovan Clingan and Tristen Newton were all part of both the 2023 and 2024 national championship-winning UConn teams.

After cutting the nets twice, point guard Tristen Newton was drafted 49th overall by the Indiana Pacers in the 2024 NBA Draft. Newton played eight total games in his first season with the Pacers and Minnesota Timberwolves and was waived at the beginning of the 2026 NBA season. He would sign with the Rockets in January 2026 where he only appeared in one game, however he averaged 25 points in the G League. Newton is currently on a training camp contract with the Sacramento Kings.

Speaking of the Kings, after being drafted 29th in the 2026 NBA Draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers, Alex Karaban was immediately traded to Sacramento where he currently awaits his first NBA season after staying at UConn in 2025 and 2026.

Big man Donovan Clingan was the backup behind Sanogo in the 2023 title run and was the starting center for the Huskies the following year in 2024. Clingan was selected seventh overall in the 2024 NBA Draft by the Portland Trail Blazers. Clingan has spent two seasons playing for Portland, and his most recent one was a breakout year where he averaged 12.1 points and 11.6 rebounds as the Blazers' starting center. Clingan is getting ready to play his third season with Portland.

The 2024 UConn men's basketball team was beyond dominant. They finished with a record of 37-3, which includes a title run where their average margin of victory was 23.3 points.

Perhaps the most successful player from either of the two national championship-winning teams is current San Antonio Spurs shooting guard Stephon Castle. Castle was drafted fourth overall in the 2024 NBA Draft by San Antonio and made an immediate impact in his first season, winning the Rookie of the Year award. In his second year in the league, Castle improved in nearly every statistical category, averaging 16.7 points and 7.4 assists. Castle would make it to the NBA finals that year as well, but his team fell short against the New York Knicks. Now, Castle is gearing up for his third season with the Spurs.

Last but certainly not least, we have former UConn guard Cam Spencer who was the second-leading scorer for the Huskies in their 2024 national title run. Spencer was selected with the 53rd pick in the 2024 NBA Draft by the Detroit Pistons but was traded immediately to the Memphis Grizzlies. After his first season with the team where he only played 25 games and spent some time in the G League, Spencer averaged 11.1 points and 5.6 assists the following season and started 20 games. Spencer is set to begin his third season with Memphis.

The 2023 and 2024 UConn men's basketball teams produced a total of eight NBA players combined, and so it makes sense why the Huskies went 68-11 and won two national championships in those two years.



UConn graduate Donovan Clingan goes for a basket at Gampel Pavillion in Storrs, Conn. Now in the NBA, Clingan plays for the Portland Trail Blazers.

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UConn graduate Alex Karaban hugs Dan Hurley during Senior Night 2025 in Gampel Pavillion in Storrs, Conn. Karaban, while first drafted to Cleveland, is now waiting to make his NBA debut in Sacramento.

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Women's Soccer: 28 shots not enough to convert against Seton Hall on Wednesday

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If you fire away 28 shots in a 90-minute soccer match equates to a shot attempt every 3.21 minutes. The UConn women's soccer team did just that on Wednesday night, but none of them found the back of the net as they finished in a scoreless draw against Seton Hall.

This result marks Seton Hall's sixth straight game with a clean sheet. Their defense has been the stellar part of their game this season, as they had seven straight shutouts. Their 2-0 loss to Xavier on Oct. 3 snapped the streak, but they picked back up on Wednesday night, shutting out the Huskies.

UConn couldn't convert on the season-high 28 shots, remaining scoreless at the final whistle despite eight different Huskies recording multiple attempts. UConn had eight shots on goal, and none could get past Seton Hall's Katherine Kleinsmith.

The Huskies dominated the corner kick advantage as well, 13-2, a brutal break in what looked like a one-sided match in the box score.

UConn goalkeeper Ava Yamas had a much quieter evening compared to Kleinsmith, as Seton Hall had just 2 shots, none of which was on goal.

The Huskies came out aggressive in the first six minutes and did not let off the gas anytime soon, picking up four shots in the first six minutes while holding the Pirates to zero.

Seton Hall's first scoring chance came in the 10th minute as Gianna Angelillo received a through ball towards UConn's final third and she sent in a pass to a wide-open Kileigh Gorman, who sent the ball high over the bar.

UConn launched another heavy attack in the 16th minute when Chloe Shimkin rifled a centering pass from the left corner to Ines Nourani, who flicked a clever back-heel to Se-Hanna Mars. Though Mars misfired, the ball bounced out of the box to Maree-Anne Van Doesburg, whose tough effort sliced just right of the net, denying the Huskies what would have been an early 1-0 lead.

Another look arrived in the 19th minute as Alayna Taylor sent a high cross into the box to the leaping goalkeeper Kate Kleinsmith, who punched the ball away into trouble as Nourani sent a shot by Kleinsmith. Fortunately for the Pirates, Cassidy Brown cleared the ball away after it got past Kleinsmith. A tough break for the Huskies as they left the chance empty-handed.

The teams went into the halftime break all square, as the Seton Hall defense held up, as they have done for all of this season. For the Huskies, it was the same: they have had numerous chances but can't catch a break in their favor to get them the lead. UConn had four shots on goal to Seton Hall's zero. The Huskies also led the corner kick advantage three to none.

The second half kicked off and in the 47th minute, Mars was fortunate not to have received a yellow as the junior bolted into the keeper Kleinsmith as she cleared the ball away.

The second half started slow, with chances few and far between on both sides. UConn spent most of the early second half pinned in Seton Hall's final third, controlling possession and applying continuous pressure. The best look UConn came in the 58th minute from Tiana Righetti as she fired a shot from outside of the box just feet from converting on the chance.

Seton Hall won their first corner of the night in the 61st minute and applied pressure by playing the ball short and fired a shot that deflected off a defender, which led to their second corner kick. That kick was whipped into the final six, where it was headed just over the net for a UConn goal kick.

Maeve Staunton made her return to the field on Wednesday in the 66th minute after missing time due to a muscle injury, as UConn Head Coach Margaret Rodriguez told the ESPN broadcast. Staunton fired her first shot back on the field, a chance in the 77th minute at the left side of the box. She received the pass from Taylor and fired away on the first touch, but Kleinsmith placed herself perfectly for the routine save.

Staunton kept firing away just moments later, on the first touch again as she sent the Huskies 21st shot of the night just left of the net.

In the 80th minute, Staunton received a cross from Shimkin as the freshman jumped and headed the ball over the net. Yet another chance the Huskies could not convert on.

In the 82nd minute, UConn earned three consecutive corner kicks, repeatedly knocking on the door but failing to find a finisher.

The Pirates' defense held their ground up until the final whistle, when they were finally able to breathe after nearly 90 minutes of UConn's attack in their final third.

The draw is a tough pill to swallow for the Huskies, but they must quickly refocus for a challenging road test. UConn travels to Cincinnati on Saturday for a 6:30 p.m. kickoff against Xavier in a high-stakes rematch of the 2025 Big East Semifinal, in which the Musketeers won 7-0.



NHL player Alexander Ovechkin waves to his family from the rink. Ovechkin has announced his retirement after 22 seasons.

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