

Heavenly Huskies

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Last night's national championship was not, as almost all commentators are saying, an "ugly" game. The game showed what basketball looks like when you play defense, and both teams played defense so well, the game was low-scoring indeed, unlike an NBA game in which, unable to spell the word defense, they regularly score more than 100 points.

Of course, UConn did what it has done throughout the tournament: It found a way to win. Where did that baseline game in the second half come from? Never saw that before. Alex Oriahki stepped up big time to dominate the paint: Butler did not score a single point in the paint through the entire first half! And, of course, Kemba Walker had just enough of his magic, and the youngsters Lamb and Shabazz came through at key times, and UConn pulled off another national championship.

The good news for basketball is that any one of the teams that made the tournament could have ended up on the victory platform last night. Butler's horrific shooting last night cannot detract from the great tournament run they had. I am still surprised that UConn beat Arizona, which emerged in the tournament as such a strong team. None of the #1 seeds made it to the Final Four. Etc. There is no such thing as a predictable script in college hoops anymore which means every game is exciting.

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