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Connecticut wins NCAA title
Huskies down Oklahoma to cap undefeated season

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Not even an imperfect game could keep Connecticut from a perfect season. Surviving an uncharacteristic rash of turnovers and poor outside shooting with strong inside play, the Huskies beat Oklahoma 82-70 on Sunday night for their third national championship. The frontcourt trio of Swin Cash, Asjha Jones and Tamika Williams led the Huskies (39-0) to an overwhelming rebounding advantage — and on this night, they sure needed it. Connecticut won by big margins all season by wearing down opponents. Oklahoma (32-4) refused to let that happen. Trailing by 16 early in the second half, Oklahoma got to within six with a little more than two minutes left. Things like that did not happen to the Huskies this season, but they responded.



Connecticut center Jessica Moore celebrates a basket in the Huskies 82-70 win over Oklahoma Sooners in the NCAA Women's Final Four National Championship game.

But Diana Taurasi converted a key three-point play and player of the year Sue Bird wrapped it up with six straight free throws. With 18 seconds left, Bird was able to dribble out the clock and the Huskies had their title. Connecticut committed 21 turnovers, two short of its season high, and was 0-for-9 on 3-point shots. All that did was force the Huskies to find another way to win it, and they did by overpowering the Sooners inside. Cash was the strongest presence with 20 points and 13 rebounds. Jones had 19 points, nine rebounds and five blocks. Williams finished with 23 points and nine rebounds. Cash was selected the outstanding player in the Final Four. Oh, and don't forget the guards. Bird had 14 points and four assists and made all eight of her free throws. Taurasi added 13 points and got the honor of heaving the ball into the stands when it was over. Oklahoma showed its resiliency by making it a game after a poor start. All-American Stacey Dales led the Sooners with 18 points. Rosalind Ross scored 17 and LaNeishea Caufield had 14. But the Sooners could not overcome their 39 percent shooting and Connecticut's 44-25 rebounding advantage. Connecticut led by 12 at halftime and stretched the lead to 54-38 when Taurasi scored less than six minutes into the second half. A blowout looked imminent, but Oklahoma did not let it happen. Dales and Ross each hit a 3-pointer, and the Sooners started to battle their way back. Jamie Talbert's rebound basket cut the lead to 66-57 and it was 71-63 after Caton Hill's 3-pointer. And the Sooners kept coming, twice getting to within six, the last time on Dales' layup with 2:15 to play.

That was as close as it would get. Taurasi muscled in a shot while drawing the fifth foul on Dales and sank the free throw to make it 76-67. Then Connecticut made sure that Bird handled the ball the rest of the way, Oklahoma had to foul her and, demonstrating the poise she had shown all season, scored the Huskies' final six points with her free throws. As Bird dribbled out the clock, she and Taurasi slapped hands. Another championship was theirs.

Nash lifts Mavs over Wizards, 110-103

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a loss to the Dallas Mavericks, coach Doug Collins said his Washington Wizards could not have played any better. Michael Jordan didn't quite agree. The Wizards played the Mavericks tight until Steve Nash made back-to-back long jumpers, a three-point play and two more free throws in the final three minutes of the Mavericks' 110-103 victory Sunday. "We have an 'L' to show for it, but I sure don't feel like we lost," Collins said. "That might sound crazy, but I sure don't

walk away from this building feeling like we lost. That's as good as we can play." Jordan, once again playing as a reserve as he recovers from knee surgery, made just 4 of 14 shots to score 10 points with five assists in 28 minutes. Unlike recent games, Collins didn't use Jordan much as a point guard, and Jordan hinted that move by the coach might have made the difference. "In the past, I could utilize myself a little better playing point guard," Jordan said. "I didn't do that as much tonight. He may have used me up a little, and hopefully in the upcoming games I can play a little bit more point guard where I can control the tempo and not really use my minutes or my energy up trying to get shots. I can create shots for other guys." Jordan, put on the spot by Collins last week over whether he plans to play next year, returned the favor by putting the onus on Collins for the upcoming rough schedule that starts with Tuesday's game against the Los Angeles Lakers. The Wizards trail Indiana by 2 1/2 games in the battle for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. "It's going to be a tough stretch, four games in five

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