



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

April 7, 2014 | ATT STADIUM



UCONN

VS



9:10 PM EST

Connecticut Huskies (31-8)

UCONN's head coach Kevin Ollie has the Huskies playing their best basketball going into North Texas. They are a confident group of players led by Senior Shabazz Napier who is looking to win his 2nd National Championship ring for the Huskies. Napier is averaging 21 ppg in the tournament, up from his 18 ppg during the season. The Huskies aren't a very strong team, but they use their length and athleticism well to offensive rebound.

The Huskies are a very dangerous team in transition and create a lot of offense off of turnovers; especially the quick guards who turned over the Gators seven times Saturday night. Their bigs also run the floor very well for lay-ups. If they aren't able to get out into transition, look for UCONN to run multiple pick and rolls to get Napier and Boatright in isolation and two-man game situations. If those two are shut down, DeAndre Daniels will be sitting outside waiting to knock in a catch & shoot 3-pointer.

Kentucky Wildcats (29-10)

Big Blue Nation has arguably had the toughest road to the National Tournament in the history of March Madness. Kentucky, starting five Freshman, made it to tonight with wins over three of last season's Final 4 teams (Wichita State, Louisville, Michigan) and a grinder versus Big 10 powerhouse Wisconsin. It hasn't been easy for the young 'Cats, 3 of their last 4 games were determined by last second shots; two of which came from the benefit of Aaron Harrison.

Kentucky is one of the leading rebounding teams in the country averaging 40+ per game, 13 of those coming on the offensive end. If you want to beat Kentucky, you better box out and not give them many 2nd chance opportunities. Along side their dominant rebounding is sharp shooting Aaron Harrison, who has sparked the Wildcats' offense in the tournament shooting 56% from behind the arc. If he has the ball late in the game, you better get a hand up and force him into help.

Top Scorers

Player	PTS PG	FGM-A
#13 Shabazz Napier	17.9	5.3-12.3
#2 DeAndre Daniels	13.2	5.0-10.5
#11 Ryan Boatright	12.1	3.7-9.6
#5 Niels Giffey	8.4	2.9-5.3
#20 Lasan Kromah	6.1	2.3-5.2
#35 Amida Brimah	4.2	1.6-2.5
#21 Omar Calhoun	3.8	1.3-4.1

Top Scorers

Player	PTS PG	FGM-A
#30 Julius Randle	15.1	4.9-9.8
#1 James Young	14.2	4.6-11.2
#2 Aaron Harrison	13.9	4.4-10.4
#5 Andrew Harrison	10.9	3.0-8.2
#15 Willie Cauley-Stein	6.8	2.9-4.8
#22 Alex Poythress	5.9	2.2-4.4
#44 Dakari Johnson	5.2	2.1-3.7

Top Rebounders

Player	Off. Reb	Def. Reb	Total Reb
#2 DeAndre Daniels	1.4	4.6	6.0
#13 Shabazz Napier	1.0	4.9	5.8
#5 Niels Giffey	1.1	2.7	3.8
#11 Ryan Boatright	0.6	2.9	3.5
#35 Amida Brimah	1.3	1.6	3.0

Top Rebounders

Player	Off. Reb	Def. Reb	Total Reb
#30 Julius Randle	3.5	7.0	10.5
#22 Alex Poythress	1.8	2.7	4.5
#1 James Young	1.0	3.2	4.2
#44 Dakari Johnson	2.0	1.9	3.9
#5 Andrew Harrison	0.8	2.3	3.1





UConn vs Kentucky



	UConn	UConn Opponents	Kentucky	Kentucky Opponents
PPG	72.1	63.5	75.3	66.8
FG%	45.0%	39.2%	45.5%	41.1%
3PT%	38.9%	33.0%	33.3%	32.2%
FT%	77.4%	66.8%	68.5%	68.6%
Off-Reb	8.1	10.1	13.0	9.1
Tot-Reb	31.0	30.2	37.2	27.2
Assists	12.3	11.4	11.2	10.5
Turnovers	11.5	12.9	12.0	10.7

FT Shooters

Player	FTM-A	FT %	FTA
#35 Amida Brimah	35-61	57.4%	1.6
#20 Lasan Kromah	40-59	67.8%	1.5
#3 Terrence Samuel	24-34	70.6%	1.2
#5 Niels Giffey	46-64	71.9%	1.6
#10 Tyler Olander	16-22	72.7%	0.7
#21 Omar Calhoun	23-30	76.7%	0.9
#0 Phillip Nolan	31-40	77.5%	1.0
#2 DeAndre Daniels	70-89	78.7%	2.4
#11 Ryan Boatright	134-169	79.3%	4.4
#13 Shabazz Napier	205-236	86.9%	6.1

FT Shooters

Player	FTM-A	FT %	FTA
#35 Derek Willis	9-12	75.0%	0.9
#0 Marcus Lee	7-16	43.8%	0.7
#25 Dominique Hawkins	5-11	45.5%	0.3
#44 Dakari Johnson	37-81	45.7%	2.1
#15 Willie Cauley-Stein	40-82	48.8%	2.2
#22 Alex Poythress	50-79	63.3%	2.0
#1 James Young	117-168	69.6%	4.3
#30 Julius Randle	200-282	70.9%	7.2
#5 Andrew Harrison	159-208	76.4%	5.3
#2 Aaron Harrison	139-175	79.4%	4.5

W-L Trends

Stats	Season	AAC	Last 5	Home	Road
Record	31-8	14-7	5-0	18-3	13-5
Points Per Game	72.1	69.7	74.0	74.8	69.1
Opp Points Per Game	63.5	69.7	74.0	74.8	69.1
FG %	45.0%	43.4%	46.2%	45.0%	45.0%
3FG %	38.9%	35.7%	40.2%	43.2%	33.4%
Rebounds Per Game	31.0	31.6	28.6	33.0	28.7

W-L Trends

Stats	Season	SEC	Last 5	Home	Road
Record	29-10	14-7	5-0	20-3	9-7
Points Per Game	75.3	72.9	71.4	76.8	73.2
Opp Points Per Game	66.8	72.9	71.4	76.8	73.2
FG %	45.5%	43.5%	48.0%	46.4%	44.3%
3FG %	33.3%	33.4%	39.7%	29.9%	38.5%
Rebounds Per Game	37.2	36.2	32.0	39.0	34.6





UCONN vs KENTUCKY



UCONN Starters

#13 Shabazz Napier 6-1 / 180 lbs G / SR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	17.9	42.7%	40.3%	86.9%	5.8	4.9	2.8
Last 5	21.0	45.5%	47.1%	93.5%	5.4	4.8	3.4

- Lethal scorer from anywhere on floor
- Quick pull-ups, step-backs, iso's
- Pressure with defense loaded to help on drive

#11 Ryan Boatright 6-0 / 168 lbs G / JR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	12.1	38.4%	37.9%	79.3%	3.5	3.4	1.9
Last 5	13.6	41.7%	42.1%	83.3%	3.6	2.4	1.4

- Fast transition play maker
- Will jab to create space for pull-ups
- Aggressive using ballscreens to get to rim

#5 Niels Giffey 6-7 / 205 lbs F / SR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	8.4	54.4%	48.3%	71.9%	3.8	0.8	0.9
Last 5	7.2	38.2%	20.0%	100.0%	6.2	1.0	0.6

- Knockdown shooter - Run him off 3's for pull-ups
- Shot 50% from 3-pt during regular season
- Put a body on him - 7 reb per last four games

#2 DeAndre Daniels 6-9 / 195 lbs F / JR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	13.2	47.5%	43.1%	78.7%	6.0	0.5	1.5
Last 5	17.6	53.2%	41.7%	85.7%	7.4	0.2	1.8

- Athletic inside/out player
- Can pop/roll out for 3's (2-5 vs Florida)
- Box out on shots - fly's to offensive glass

#0 Phillip Nolan 6-10 / 212 lbs F / SO



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	3.4	54.3%	--	77.5%	2.4	0.2	0.6
Last 5	2.4	50.0%	--	50.0%	2.0	0.2	0.4

- All inside with quick finishes
- Put body on him and do not give easy angles

Kentucky Starters

#5 Andrew Harrison 6-6 / 215 lbs G / FR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	10.9	36.8%	34.4%	76.4%	3.1	3.9	2.7
Last 5	11.6	34.6%	23.1%	73.1%	3.4	5.0	4.0

- Loves going left to right at rim
- Decent shooter - better using pick & rolls
- Take away his vision with pressure

#2 Aaron Harrison 6-6 / 218 lbs G / FR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	13.9	42.3%	36.1%	79.4%	2.9	1.9	1.6
Last 5	14.4	42.3%	56.0%	77.8%	1.6	0.8	1.4

- Shooting 56% from 3-pt last five games
- Aggressively looking to score at every opportunity
- Like his brother, prefers finishing to the right

#1 James Young 6-6 / 215 lbs G / FR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	14.2	40.7%	34.8%	69.6%	4.2	1.7	1.8
Last 5	11.8	43.8%	43.8%	83.3%	4.6	0.8	1.4

- Primarily a shooter - Over 50% of shots are 3-pt
- Runs off multiple screens looking for cracks
- Be there on catch with high hands

#30 Julius Randle 6-9 / 250 lbs F / FR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	15.1	50.3%	16.7%	70.9%	10.5	1.4	2.5
Last 5	15.8	50.0%	0.0%	75.0%	10.6	1.4	1.8

- Left hand dominant - VERY physical around rim
- Box him out - he crashes the glass hard
- Decent mid-range but prefers driving left

#44 Dakari Johnson 7-0 / 265 lbs C / FR



	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	5.2	57.6%	--	45.7%	3.9	0.2	0.7
Last 5	7.2	66.7%	--	44.4%	3.8	0.2	1.0

- Everything is around the rim (Zero 3's all season)
- Do not give him angles - He will seal for easy looks
- Not a great runner if the games gets going up & down

UCONN Off the Bench

#20 Lasan Kromah 6-6 / 201 lbs F / SR

	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	6.1	43.8%	34.4%	67.8%	2.6	1.1	1.3
Last 5	3.6	35.7%	40.0%	100.0%	0.4	0.6	0.8

#35 Amida Brimah 7-0 / 217 lbs C / FR

	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	4.2	65.3%	--	57.4%	3.0	0.3	0.7
Last 5	3.4	58.3%	--	60.0%	2.0	0.4	0.4

#3 Terrence Samuel 6-4 / 190 lbs G / FR

	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	2.4	54.8%	0.0%	70.6%	0.9	0.8	0.6
Last 5	5.0	53.8%	--	91.7%	1.4	0.8	0.2

Kentucky Off the Bench

#0 Marcus Lee 6-9 / 215 lbs F / FR

	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	2.5	61.9%	--	43.8%	1.5	0.1	0.2
Last 5	4.7	70.0%	--	--	3.0	0.0	0.0

#22 Alex Poythress 6-8 / 239 lbs F / SO

	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	5.9	50.0%	25.8%	63.3%	4.5	0.4	0.9
Last 5	6.2	76.5%	25.0%	50.0%	3.6	0.2	0.4

#25 Dominique Hawkins 6-0 / 193 lbs G / FR

	PPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%	REB	AST	TO
Season	0.8	29.0%	12.5%	45.5%	0.7	0.4	0.2
Last 5	0.7	100.0%	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0