



## 2013 NCAA® WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR®

National Semifinals - #1 Connecticut 83, #1 Notre Dame 65  
New Orleans Arena · New Orleans, La.  
Sunday, April 7

### SEMIFINAL GAME NOTES

- UConn will face Louisville for the national championship game on Tuesday. That game will be a rematch of the 2009 national title game, which UConn won 76-54. It marks just the third pair of teams to play multiple times in a national title game. Tennessee has played Connecticut four times. Tennessee has met Louisiana Tech twice.
- The Big East is guaranteed to win its ninth women's basketball national championship on Tuesday night. The nine national titles will surpass the SEC, who has eight, for the most all-time.
- This is the second time that there have been three teams from the same conference in the Women's Final Four. In 2006, North Carolina, Maryland and Duke each represented the ACC at the Women's Final Four.
- This is the sixth time the Big East has had more than one school in the Final Four.
- With Notre Dame holding a 26-25 lead with 3:22 remaining in the half, UConn closed the opening stanza with a 14-3 run to take a 39-29 lead in to the locker room.

#### UConn Notes:

- With the win, UConn improves to 34-4 overall and advances to the national championship game for the first time since making back-to-back championship game appearances in 2009 and 2010.
- Today marked Connecticut's sixth consecutive Women's Final Four appearance.
- Today's win improved Connecticut's record to 8-5 all-time against No. 1 seeds in the NCAA Tournament. The Huskies are 6-3 when playing a No. 1 seed as a No. 1 seed themselves.
- UConn is now 90-17 all-time in the NCAA tournament, with their .841 winning percentage, ranking first all-time.
- With their first win in four tries against Notre Dame this season, the Huskies improve to 30-11 all-time against them. This is also UConn's first win against Notre Dame in four tries in the NCAA Tournament, as they fell to the Irish in the 2001, 2011 and 2012 national semifinals.
- Connecticut improves their record to 8-6 all-time in national semifinal contests. Connecticut has never lost in the championship game. It also marks the seventh time that the Huskies have reached the final as a number one seed, having won the championship all seven times.
- The Huskies have now improved their record against teams that have won conference championships this season to 8-4 after getting their first win against Notre Dame in four tries.
- In going 3-for-4 from the field, Connecticut junior center Stefanie Dolson improved her season field goal percentage to .594 (209-352), second highest in the nation behind Baylor's Brittney Griner (60.7). Dolson's five blocked shots tied a career-high.

- With 12 blocked shots tonight, the Huskies set a new record for blocks in a Women's Final Four game. The 12 blocks marked the ninth time this year that UConn has blocked nine or more shots.
- Connecticut freshman forward Breanna Stewart led all scorers with 29 points on 10-of-16 shooting, making a career-high four 3-point field goals, as well as going five-for-five from the free throw line. Stewart's 474 points this season ranks third in Huskies single-season records for a freshman. Stewart also had four blocked shots and pulled down four rebounds.

#### **Notre Dame Notes:**

- Notre Dame played in its third straight Final Four. However, of the players on the roster, only four have played in a national semifinal prior to tonight.
- Notre Dame falls to 12-2 vs. ranked opponents this season (including 6-2 vs. top-10 teams), ending a 10-game winning streak against them.
- The Connecticut victory snapped a four-game losing streak to Notre Dame. It marked the first time that Connecticut has defeated Notre Dame in the Final Four (1-3). Notre Dame had won seven of the last eight in the series.
- This is the just the third time in last 12 meetings (since 2010-11), that the winning margin in the Notre Dame-Connecticut series has been by double digits.
- Skylar Diggins finishes her career with a school-record 2,357 points.
- Diggins tallied her school-record 122<sup>nd</sup> career double-digit scoring game.
- Diggins finishes her career with 822 career field goals, second in school history.
- Diggins played in her 150<sup>th</sup> career game, just one behind the all-time school mark of 151 by Brittany Mallory (2007-12).
- Notre Dame's loss tonight ends its school-record 30-game winning streak. In that streak, Notre Dame averaged 82.8 points per game, winning by an average of 23.8 ppg and shooting .464 from the field. Tonight, the Irish scored 65 points and shot 29.7 percent from the field
- Skylar Diggins ranks second in career steals (59), third in career assists (123), and ninth in career points (348) in NCAA Tournament history. Only 15 players have played more NCAA tournament games in a career (20) than Diggins.
- This is the most points given up by Notre Dame this season in a regulation game. The previous most was 74 vs. Texas A&M.
- Connecticut had 12 blocked shots, the most against a Notre Dame team since UConn blocked 16 shots vs. the Irish on Jan. 27, 2007
- Notre Dame shot 29.7 percent from the field (22-74), the fifth-lowest field goal percentage in a national semifinal game.
- Kayla McBride finished with 16 points, her personal best in a Final Four game (previous best was 11).