

March Madness Bring the Action in 2022

Every year people tune into high-market stations to see their favorite college basketball team play in the most famous tournament ever. The best players ages ranging from 18-23 come together in games throughout the United States and play with all their heart to make their school proud and hopefully become champions. This kind of drive from March 17th to April 4th brings the fans all that they can handle with many minutes spent at the edge of their chair and screaming at the TV. This year's bracket brought a month of unforgettable players and amazing upsets.

Players like Doug Edert and Paolo Banchemo were some of the best in the tournament. Edert is a guard for St. Peter's and he caught the attention of many with a big night against Kentucky, "(Edert) was the face -- and mustache -- of the Peacocks' run to the Elite Eight. He had 20 points in the MAAC tournament championship game against Monmouth, then followed it up with another 20-point performance in the win over Kentucky," ESPN said. It is perhaps impossible to predict a completely unknown player to shoot 87.7% (CBS) from the field against the arguably best program in the country, but Doug made it happen. The all-around player in Banchemo had an average of

18.8 points per game this tournament and 7.6 rebounds to add on to that, "He's so tough, Seattle got another one!" (Lebron James on Twitter) If the king is recognizing Banchemo's performance in the tournament, he has had a couple of great games and will be remembered like Steph Curry and Kemba Walker as they also were given recognition for their performances.

St Peter's made a historic run to the Elite Eight as a 15 seed, but maybe people did not know that they are the first team to ever do this. They also are only in a group of 9 other teams to advance after being a 15 seed. There were also teams like Iowa State, who were an 11-seed, that beat a good LSU team and then, led by Senior Guard Gabe

Kalsheur, beat the borderline best Big Ten team in Wisconsin and made the Sweet Sixteen. (ESPN) UNC made another championship appearance, but maybe as a surprise to some, they were an 8 seed. They chugged out a thriller against 1-seeded Baylor and were able to rally three more games off before falling in the final to the champion, Kansas. The uncommonness of these two 8 and 15 seeds making the Elite Eight is something unique to many other brackets and fun for fans across the U.S.

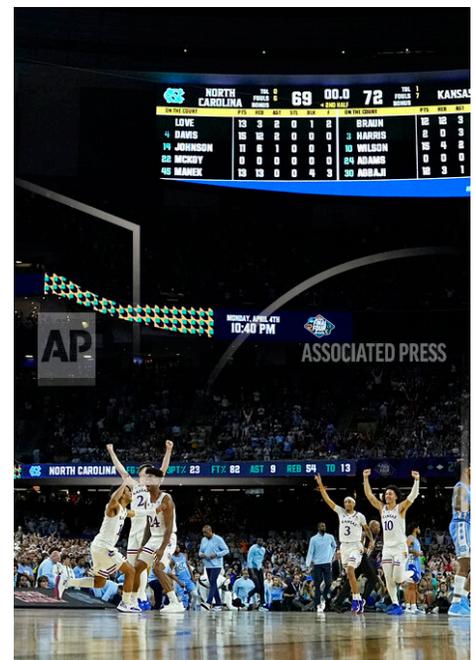
This March Madness had heart and emotions like no tournament has ever seen. With COVID being pretty much over for the sports world, fans packed stadiums and cheered on their teams and helped try and boost them to the next round. The players made this tournament extremely skilled and the teams that made the upsets made it thrilling to watch. Fans of NCAA basketball can only hope for next year's tournament to be like this along with the rest of the tournaments that occur.



Doug Edert accepts a pass against Purdue. He received fame during the tournament with good play and a mustache.



Paolo Banchemo shoots over Brady Manek. He was pivotal for the Blue Devils during March Madness.



Kansas celebrates after winning NCAA basketball Championship. They played very well throughout March Madness.

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