



College Basketball

The Madness Before March has Begun



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College basketball has taken off! Does Villanova have what it takes to be consecutive national champs? They are coming off an exciting season ending with the national championship on a buzzer-beater from Kris Jenkins. It was one of the best games in March Madness history.

Iowa is another team who lost some big time players. They lost 4 of their 5 starters which were Jarrod Uthoff, Mike Gesell, Adam Woodbury, and Anthony Clemons. Peter Jok was the only non senior starter and is also looking to make a huge impact for Iowa as well as college basketball.

To start off the new season, Northern Iowa is the last Iowa Duke took over the number one spot followed by Kentucky, Kansas, Villanova, and finally Oregon at the number five spot in the AP poll. Duke ended their season last year losing to Oregon in the sweet sixteen. They have Grayson Allen returning back for them who last year was a third-team All-American in the AP poll and first-team All-ACC. He is looking to take them back to the March Madness Tournament and farther on from there.

The new season has started off and every team is fighting their way to the March Madness tournament. Only 64 teams can make it and then from there it's a mystery of what could happen. Any team has what it takes to win the national championship, because in basketball anything could happen.

All three Iowa teams are coming off of tournament appearances but Iowa State was the only one to advance to the sweet sixteen. Iowa State is also the only Iowa team to make the rankings for the new season at 24th. They lost first-team All-Big 12 Georges Niang but look to make another

tournament appearance led by senior Monte Morris.

