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In both teams' first appearance in a national championship, Iowa fell to LSU, 102-85, in the national title game at American Airlines Center in Dallas.

“I’m so proud of my team,” head coach Lisa Bluder said. “I’m proud of the women they are. I’m proud of what they stand for. The Iowa fans that came out last week were so thankful for them. I’m thankful that I get to coach at a university like the University of Iowa.”

The final buzzer sounded, the Tigers ran to the center of the court while Iowa fans — some dressed in sparkly blazers — turned to the floor to start hand shaking the bench.

The Hawkeyes gathered in a circle following their loss, fought through the sea of Tigers to get off the court. In the handshake line, Mulkey pulled Hawkeye junior and National Player of the Year Cart- tilia Clark aside before she turned to the Hawkeyes to exchange words.

“Shay’s one of the best basketball coaches of all time, and it’s clear,” Clark said. “She said only really kind things to me in the handshake line, so I’m very grateful for that, too.”

Hawkeyes fight through foul trouble

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Dreams dashed

After a historic run in the 2023 NCAA Tournament, the Hawkeyes fell short of becoming national champions.
Finding things to celebrate

Despite a loss in the national title game, the Hawkeyes still want to recognize their historic season.

“We made history, and there’s a lot to be proud of,” junior guard Caitlin Clark said. “We’re proud of the way we played and the way we competed.”

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The crowd erupted after Clark's first of eight 3-pointers and for the officiating calls it disagreed with throughout the game. The crowd quieted as LSU guard Jasmine Carson got hot from deep with five threes in the first half alone.

Iowa fans were re-energized as the team mounted a comeback early in the third quarter, but the arena soon fell silent as the Hawkeyes lost hope late in the second half. They quietly exited the arena with their heads hung low as the final buzzer sounded, confirming a 102-85 win and the Tigers' first national title.

Despite the loss, Buggemi thinks the watch party's attendance demonstrates the community's support for the team's tournament run and, beyond basketball, successful Hawkeye sports teams in general.

"Now seeing this women's team get to the national stage, especially with Caitlin and all the other girls, rallying around trying to get to this national championship, it's fun," Buggemi said. "Everybody just wants to be a part of a winning culture."
Iowa guard Caitlin Clark reacts to an officials call during the 2023 NCAA women’s national championship game between No. 2 Iowa and No. 3 LSU at American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas, on Sunday. The Tigers defeated the Hawkeyes, 102-85.
A HISTORIC RUN: IOWA MAKES CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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LSU forward Amani Bartlett embraces LSU forward Angel Reese after the 2023 NCAA women’s national championship game between No. 2 Iowa and No. 3 LSU at American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas, on Sunday. The Tigers beat the Hawkeyes, 102-85.
‘WHY NOT US?’

No. 2 seed Iowa defeated top-ranked South Carolina, 77-73, in a historic win Friday. Guard Caitlin Clark scored 41 points.
While South Carolina was favored by 11.5 points in the national semifinal game, Iowa won, 77-73, breaking the Gamecocks’ 42-game win streak.
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One crucial rebound
Hawkeye senior forward McNenna Warnock pulled down a game-changing offensive board with 18 seconds left, sealing a 77-73 victory for Iowa.

Clark missed the shot, which almost gave South Carolina a chance to re- gain possession with 18 seconds left. Then, Hawkeye senior forward McKenna Warning stepped up.

When the ball bounced off the rim, Warning jumped up to grab the ball, hugging it to her chest. And the Iowa women's basketball team clutched the rebound. "We always want to get those O-boards, and we'd be so happy to get that one," Warnock said. "That's what we wanted in those moments, some sort of bounce back."

When the ball ricocheted off the backboard, Warning was the only player in the area. "The Gamecocks were under the basket, and the ball was on our side of the court," Warnock said. "That was a long shot and a long rebound. Those can be really hard to get."

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At the time, Iowa was 3-up, 75-72, over South Carolina. And after the Gamecocks were on the brink of the biggest upset of the tournament, "That was a long shot and a long rebound. Those can be really hard to get," Colson said. "Obviously, we get to see all the work they put in each and every day. So when she wins this awards and is doing all this stuff, it's not surprising to any of us that she wins this award."

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"The Hawkeyes know they were going to struggle on the rebounding front against the Gamecocks. Going into Friday, South Carolina grabbed a strong 44.5 rebounds per game, compared to Iowa's 32.5. But the most crucial rebound came when the Hawkeyes needed it most — forward McNenna Warnock collected the ball after a missed 3-pointer by South Carolina. Clark, the National Player of the Year, assisted on the Gamecocks' going to South Carolina. Points and six assists. But she also had the one that mattered most."

"I understand South Carolina gets 26 O-boards, but there was one that mattered the most, and that was Mckenna Warnock's," Clark said. "And that sealed the deal for us, and we were able to make free throws."

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Clark racks up NPOTY awards

The junior guard took home a bevy of honors in Iowa's run to the Final Four.

Clara Peterson
Sports Editor

DALLAS — Iowa women's basketball junior guard Caitlin Clark spoke about her season during Final Four Saturday. Clark was named the Naismith Award — one of four major player of the year honors — in a ceremony in Dallas on March 29. Putting out South Carolina's A'ja Wilson, Villanova's Malika Monk, Baylor's Mooni McCarty and Virginia Tech's Elizabeth Kitley, Clark was given the distinction of a huge accomplishment.

Clark said, "This is such a huge honor for our family, and program. None of this would be possible without my tremendous support system. I want to thank (head head coach Lisa Bluder) Lisa Blader and her staff for giving me the opportunity to play basketball at the University of Iowa. It has allowed me to show my skill set and that's how else to describe what she does on the basketball court." 

"I just think in this moment, I think in my circle, and I’ve been so blessed with such a great family and friends, and my work group is so wonderful."

Bluder, an assistant coach at Drake from 1987-91 — she was a senior in Bluder's first year as Drake's head coach in 1991.

After Jensen and Bluder met in the '90s, Jensen was a Bulldog assistant coach and recruiting coordinator in the Missouri Valley Conference from 1995-2000. When Bluder stepped down in 2000, Jensen was able to take a different direction, which is given to the best head coach.

Jensen said that he believed in him. "That, for me, was one of the most personally bigger moments of my life because it was so hard for me to let him go. But the sole reason she enjoys individual awards is to be able to tell her parents of her accomplishments. One of the final things Jensen said she told her father was that she won the Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year as the Atlantic 10 Conference Assistant Coach of the Year. "My mother passed away six years ago, and she thought that 'I’ve taken over' (CC) head coach Geno Auriemma's job," Jensen said. "She believed in me that much, and so did my emotional work because I got to tell him that moment."

"The media voted on the AP national player of the year. The awards voted on the national player of the year before the NCAA Tournament was expanded to 64 teams in 1985. She's the second Iowa women's basketball player to be the national player of the year. She'll be the third in 1995. That time, Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder and her staff for giving me the opportunity to play basketball at the University of Iowa. It has allowed me to show my skill set and that's how else to describe what she does on the basketball court." 

"You really want to keep it going for everybody, not just yourself," Jensen said. "And I think that's how it started really, was when she signed with Iowa. They had buoyed me up that whole day. So, it was just a moment, I think, a moment among many moments, and it just felt so good.

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TORNADO CLEANUP BEGINS

The City of Hills was among the communities affected by the tornadoes that struck Iowa on Friday.

The "Frequências" Film festival

The "Frequências" Film festival this past weekend.

JoCo Historic Poor Farm takes shape

The county started renovations in 2017 to make the farm more functional and highlight its history.

Winterlin, O’Brien elected next USG president, vice president

Mitch Winterlin and Carly O’Brien won with 51 percent of the vote.

Stella Shipman

Archie Wagner and Kate Perez were elected next USG president and vice president during the 2023-24 academic year.

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The team hoped to return to the area the following day with more members. “One of the questions we have on the news about this area is, and there hasn’t been an update since that morning, and that makes us wonder if there’s anything big of a deal on that hill,” Kvistad said. “But when you go to some of these smaller communities and you look at the damage and how it’s affecting people’s lives, you can see how that can really be unbelievable.

In the wake of this disaster, resilience, the spirit of Hills has come through and remains hopeful.

“Disaster is disaster, it is what it is, and you just pick up and move on,” Roselund said, planning to rebuild grape plants, which had still managed to sprout despite the storm. “It’s an experience to remember.”

The community has united in response, and the valley-wide recreation area, and repair efforts to recover. The slogan has been “We’re stronger together.”

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Equity. O'Brien said, “It's a really good chance for undergraduates on its efforts to recover.

The Iowa City Robotics Team also helped clear the buildings.

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