

Continuing the collection of the great, the good, the bad, and the ugly of college basketball history for *Bank Shot Basketball* for Sideline Strategy Games, we bring you **COLLEGE SET 02**. In College Set 02 we bring you national champions, players of the year, future NBA stars, teams that fought their way to winning records, and teams that couldn't get out of their own way.

Let's begin with those who cut down the nets at the end of the season. We have 1967 UCLA (Lew Alcindor/Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), the perfect 32-0 Indiana Hoosiers of 1976, Jim Valvano's 1983 NC State Wolfpack, the 1996 Kentucky Wildcats, the 2003 Syracuse Orangemen, the 2005 North Carolina Tar Heels, the 2008 Kansas Jayhawks, the 2019 Virginia Cavaliers, and the 2023 UCONN Huskies.

Just as we gave you the chance to replay the 1992 Duke vs. Kentucky classic in Set 01, in this one you can replay the 2008 Kansas-Memphis championship game and the 2005 North Carolina-Illinois championship game. Along with the 1999 Duke Blue Devils (37-2, 24.6 point differential), the 2005 Illinois Fighting Illini may be one of the five best teams who did not win the title. They took an undefeated record into the last regular season game before losing to Ohio State. They did not lose again until the national title game. With this set, you can also take the 1990 U.S. International Gulls (97.8 PPG) and face the 1990 Loyola Marymount Lions from Set 01. That is sure to set the scoreboard on fire.

You can also imagine Jim Valvano running around the court, again, looking for someone to hug as you get a chance to re-play the 1983 NC State-Houston final. Can the Wolfpack do it once again?

The superstars in this set are numerous. They include Alcindor (1967 UCLA), Doug Collins (1972 Illinois State), Larry Bird (1979 Indiana State), Mark Aguirre & Terry Cummings (1980 DePaul), Hakeem Olajuwon & Clyde Drexler (1983 Houston), Sean Elliott & Steve Kerr (1988 Arizona), Antione Walker (1996 Kentucky), Luke Ridnour & Luke Jackson (2003 Oregon), Carmelo Anthony (2003 Syracuse), Derrick Rose (2008 Memphis), Steph Curry (2008 Davidson), Gordon Hayward (2010 Butler), and Frank Kaminsky (2015 Wisconsin).

For complete teams and strong starting fives, it's difficult to beat 1996 Kentucky (Delk, Walker, McCarty, Anderson, Mercer), 1999 Duke (Brand, Avery, Langdon, Battier, Maggette, Carrawell), 1993 Michigan's Fab Five (Rose, Webber, Jackson, Howard, King), and 2005 Illinois (Brown, Head, Williams, Augustine, Powell). But don't sleep on the 1989 Iowa Hawkeyes. They fielded a strong starting five that includes B.J. Armstrong, Roy Marble, Ed Horton, Ray Thompson, and Matt Bullard. And don't count out 1988 Arizona, a team that shot 48.3% from behind the arc.

Even the good-to-average teams have some appeal. The 1972 Illinois State Redbirds featured the popular Olympian Doug Collins, 1988 Evansville's Marty Simmons scored 25.9 PPG, the 1988 Wichita State Shockers featured center Sasha Radunovich, the 1990 Tulsa Golden Hurricanes are a balancing act, the 1991 SIU Salukis featuring Sterling Mahan & Ashraf Amaya are one of those teams that always over-performed on computer sims. Even the bottom of this set is fun.

Also included are three of the Final Four teams from 2023. The Miami Hurricanes are scheduled for Set 04. As we continue, we will be adding many of the champions, players of the year, and Final Fours, but we will also bring you the best, the worst, and the most interesting teams that have spanned college basketball history.

To request your favorite teams for future sets, contact S.T. Patrick at SportsSimMagazine@gmail.com.

Teams included: 1967 UCLA, 1972 Illinois State, 1976 Indiana, 1979 Indiana State, 1980 DePaul, 1983 Houston, 1983 NC State, 1988 Arizona, 1988 Evansville, 1988 Wichita State, 1989 Iowa, 1990 Tulsa, 1990 U.S. International, 1991 Southern Illinois, 1993 Michigan, 1996 Kentucky, 1999 Duke, 2003 Oregon, 2003 Syracuse, 2005 Illinois, 2005 North Carolina, 2008 Kansas, 2008 Memphis, 2008 Davidson, 2010 Butler, 2015 Wisconsin, 2019 Virginia, 2023 UCONN, 2023 Florida Atlantic, and 2023 San Diego State.