The Stage is Set!
Four of the country's best college basketball teams are on the way to Houston, Texas in attempt to capture a national title.

If you walked into NRG Stadium today, you would most likely see Houston Texans apparel for sale, 100+ yards of green turf at the center, and red and navy blue seats that are purposed to hold a capacity of 71,795 people. Although it is a multipurpose stadium, it is mostly known as the home field of NFL and Houston Texans standout player, J.J. Watt.

On April 2nd-4th, 2016, J.J. Watt and the Houston Texans’ organization will have to share their home for about three days, as the 77th annual Final Four comes to town. The Final Four is two games that consists of the last four of NCAA's Division I basketball teams that have remained unbeaten in the NCAA tournament round of 68 teams. Each team that made a run to the Final Four has won every game in their region up to this point; the regions are the South, West, East, and Midwest. This year’s contest will feature Villanova, University of Oklahoma, North Carolina, and Syracuse.

Villanova will face Oklahoma in the Final Four opener. This should be a good game, considering both teams are pretty much evenly matched. In fact, they are both 2-seeded teams. It has been a team effort for Villanova as all five Wildcats’ starters average at about 10 or more points per game. Jalen Brunson, Kris Jenkins, Daniel Ochefu, Josh Hart and former Big East conference player of the year, Ryan Arcidiacono are responsible for the bulk of Villanova’s success. Head coach, Jay Wright has orchestrated the Wildcats to a remarkable season.
Although the Wildcats have had a season to remember, it will not stop National Player of the Year contender, Buddy Hield and the Oklahoma Sooners from striving to capture a national title. Buddy Hield is coming off a 37 point outing (in which he credited to an interaction with Kobe Bryant,) in the Sooners’ previous game against Oregon. He is giving Oklahoma a boost of momentum that they will need to overcome all obstacles in order to win it all. While Hield may be considered the star on this veteran team, he has had arguably one of the best supporting casts in all of college of basketball. Isaiah Cousins, Jordan Woodard, Khadeem Lattin, and Ryan Spangler have put in the work to make the Sooners a formidable threat all season. I am predicting this game will go down to the wire.

Throughout the tournament, teams have proven that seed rankings don’t matter. Will this be the case in the game featuring North Carolina and Syracuse? UNC is 1-seeded team, whereas the Orangemen of Syracuse are a 10th seed. Marcus Paige and future NBA lottery pick, Brice Johnson, are seeking to bring UNC’s sixth national title in university history back to Chapel Hill. On the other hand, Michael Gbinije and freshman phenom, Malachi Richardson think otherwise. The two, with the help of a sharp shooting, Trevor Cooney, are looking to bring Syracuse its first national title since Carmelo Anthony led the Orangemen in 2003. The two teams have battled it out on two separate meetings this season. North Carolina swept the series between each other. Last year, Jim Boeheim and the Orangemen were suspended from postseason play and nine games for violations of sanctions. Many critics and spectators did not expect Syracuse to make it this far. Against the odds, the fans of Syracuse are hoping for a classic story of David and Goliath. You don’t want to miss these match ups.

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