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Time Period: 2013-2017 Tournaments

Conferences: ACC, Big 10, Big 12, Pac 12, SEC, Big East

Furthest Advancement: Each team recorded at the furthest round they reached (no repeats).

	Season Champion Only	Tournament Champion Only	Dual Champion
Bad Loss	6	6	2
Round of 64	3	4	0
Round of 32	5	3	2
Sweet 16	4	5	3
Elite Eight	5	3	4
Final Four	1	0	2
Championship	0	0	1
National Champions	2	0	1

Tournament Tracker: Each team recorded at every round they reached in tournament (repeats)

	Conference Champion Only	Tournament Champion Only	Dual Champion
Bad Loss	6	6	2
Round of 64	20	15	13
Round of 32	17	11	13
Sweet 16	12	8	11

Elite Eight	8	3	8
Final Four	3	0	3
Championship	2	0	2
National Champions	2	0	1

Furthest Advancement (%): Percent of champions by their furthest round reached (no repeats)

	Season Champion Only	Tournament Champion Only	Dual Champion
Bad Loss	30%	40%	15.4%
Round of 64	15%	26.7%	0%
Round of 32	25%	20%	15.4%
Sweet 16	20%	33.3%	23.1%
Elite Eight	25%	20%	30.8%
Final Four	5%	0%	15.4%
Championship	0	0%	7.7%
National Champions	10%	0%	7.7%

Tournament Tracker (%): Percent of teams that make each round in tournament (repeats)

	Conference Champion Only	Tournament Champion Only	Dual Champion
Bad Loss	30%	40%	15.4%
Round of 64	100%	100%	100%

Round of 32	85%	73.3%	100%
Sweet 16	60%	53.3%	84.6%
Elite Eight	40%	20%	61.5%
Final Four	15%	0%	23%
Championship	10%	0%	15.4%
National Champions	10%	0%	7.7%

WINNERS: Dual Champions

- Most successful category

WINNERS: Season Winner Champs

- Most successful category at producing national champions

WINNERS: SEC, Pac-12, Big 10

- Only 1 champion lost badly in last 5 years

WINNERS: ACC

- Only had bad losses to teams that went to Final Four in the last 5 years (Duke to South Carolina in 2017; UVA to MSU in 2015)

LOSERS: Conference Tournament Winner

- Decisively least successful category
- 40% experience bad losses
- Furthest round: Elite Eight

LOSERS: Big East, Big 12

- Big East had 4 champions lose badly in the last 5 years (2 of which won both conference titles)

- Big 12 had 4 champions lose badly in the last 5 years (3 regular season champs/1 tournament champ)

CONCLUSIONS:

- Regular season conference champions are best bet for picking national champion
- Dual champions are overall safest teams (61.5% make Elite Eight)
- When picking major upsets:
 - Don't pick dual champion to lose first game (100% win)
 - Pick more than one conference tournament champion (46.7% of them lose in first weekend)
 - Keep in mind that 40% of regular season conference champions lose in first weekend
 - Big East and Big 12 are most prone conferences to have big loss

2017

Conference	Season Champion	Tournament Champion	Tournament Notes
ACC	North Carolina (Won National Championship)	Duke (Lost in Round of 32)	
Big Ten	Purdue (Lost to Kansas in Sweet 16; Notable Win--Iowa St)	Michigan (Lost to Oregon in Sweet 16; Notable Win--Louisville)	
Big 12	Kansas (Lost to Oregon in Elite Eight; Notable Wins--MSU, Purdue)	Iowa State (Lost to Purdue in Round of 32)	

Pac 12	Oregon/Arizona (Lost to UNC in Final Four; <i>Notable Wins--Michigan, Kansas</i>)	Arizona (Lost to Xavier in Sweet 16)	
SEC	Kentucky (Lost to UNC in Elite Eight; <i>Notable Wins--Wichita State, UCLA</i>)	Kentucky	4th place USC--Final Four 2nd place Florida--Elite Eight
Big East	Villanova (Lost to Wisconsin in Round of 32)	Villanova	7th place Xavier--Elite Eight

2016

Conference	Season Champion	Tournament Champion	Tournament Notes
ACC	North Carolina (Lost to Villanova in Championship; <i>Notable Wins--Providence, Indiana, Notre Dame, Syracuse</i>)	North Carolina	
Big 10	Indiana (Lost to UNC in Sweet 16; <i>Notable Win--Kentucky</i>)	Michigan State	

		(Lost to 15-Middle Tennessee in Round of 64)	
Big 12	Kansas (Lost to Villanova in Elite 8; <i>Notable Win--Maryland</i>)	Kansas	
Pac 12	Oregon (Lost to Oklahoma in Elite 8; <i>Notable Win--Duke</i>)	Oregon	
SEC	Kentucky/Texas A&M (Lost to Oklahoma in Sweet 16)	Kentucky (Lost to Indiana in Round of 32)	
Big East	Villanova (National Champions)	Seton Hall (Lost to 11-Gonzaga in Round of 64)	

2015

Conference	Season Champion	Tournament Champion	Tournament Notes
ACC	Virginia (Lost to 7-MSU in Round of 32)	Notre Dame (Lost to Kentucky in Elite Eight)	2nd Place Duke (also tournament runner-up)--National Champion

Big 10	Wisconsin (Lost to Duke in National Championship)	Wisconsin	
Big 12	Kansas (Lost to 7-Wichita State in Round of 32)	Iowa State (Lost to 14-UAB in Round of 64)	
Pac 12	Arizona (Lost to Wisconsin in Elite Eight)	Arizona	
SEC	Kentucky (Lost to Wisconsin in Final Four)	Kentucky	
Big East	Villanova (Lost to 8-NC State in Round of 32)	Villanova	

2014

	Season Champion	Tournament Champion	Tournament Notes
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ACC	Virginia (Lost to MSU in Sweet 16)	Virginia	
Big 10	Michigan (Lost to Kentucky in Elite 8)	Michigan State (Lost to UConn in Elite 8)	
Big 12	Kansas (Lost to 10-Stanford in Round of 32)	Iowa State (Lost to UConn in Sweet 16)	
Pac 12	Arizona (Lost to Wisconsin in Elite 8)	UCLA (Lost to Florida in Sweet 16)	
SEC	Florida (Lost to UConn in Final Four)	Florida	
Big East	Villanova (Lost to UConn in Round of 32)	Providence (Lost to UNC in Round of 64)	

2013

	Season Champion	Tournament Champion	Conference Champion
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ACC	Miami (Lost to Marquette in Sweet 16)	Miami	
Big 10	Indiana (Lost to Syracuse in Sweet 16)	Ohio State (Lost to Wichita State in Elite 8)	
Big 12	Kansas/Kansas State (Lost to 13-La Salle in Round of 64)	Kansas (Lost to Michigan in Sweet 16)	
Pac 12	UCLA (Lost to 11-Minnesota in Round of 64)	Oregon (Lost to Louisville in Sweet 16)	
SEC	Florida (Lost to Michigan in Elite 8)	Ole Miss (Lost to 13-La Salle in Round of 32)	
Big East	Georgetown/Louisville/Marquette (Georgetown lost to FGC in Round of 64) (Marquette lost to Syracuse in Elite 8)	Louisville (National Champions)	