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 **Lights flashing, buzzers beating, crowd chanting, momentum swinging, players screaming,** that's the kind of amazing excitement and noises at basketball games.

And now, after the clutch shooting of Napier and Boatright for UConn, the Huskies are national champions.  **Confetti flying, players crying,** and  **fans high-fiving,** was the scene

after the game. Kentucky's fans, players, and staff probably weren't as happy. The game was fantastic. Now, the only problem is, college basketball is over. But we still have the

NBA, with its audience-luring players and money-guzzling players and owners. The NBA is smooth and fluid, unlike college. Shots dropping are always an occurrence at NBA

games. But that's what makes college ball better: the mistakes.  **Players intercepting** or  **shots airballing** are more common in college. I love both. Basketball is so awesome no

matter what. Especially when you see  **players dunking** and  **rims shattering.** Basketball rocks.

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