

One Shining Moment

The Final Four men's basketball tournament is known for its One Shining Moment video compilation that follows the championship game. This year's tournament at U.S. Bank Stadium featured many memorable moments, concluding with Virginia's raising of the National Championship trophy.



Virginia's Kyle Guy shows the crowd his piece of the net Monday following a 24-point effort in the Cavaliers' win over Texas Tech.



PHOTO BY MATT KANE



Virginia coach Tony Bennett somehow kept his cool and even took a moment for himself as time expired on the Cavaliers' 85-77 overtime win over Texas Tech in the National Championship game Monday at U.S. Bank Stadium. Below, Bennett pumps the brakes on his team after the Cavaliers take control late in the game.



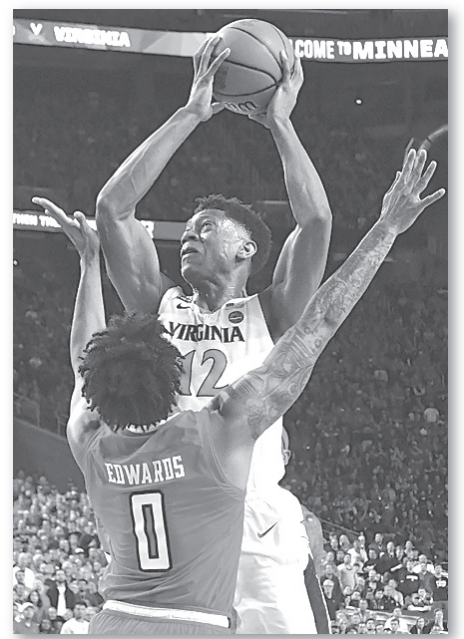
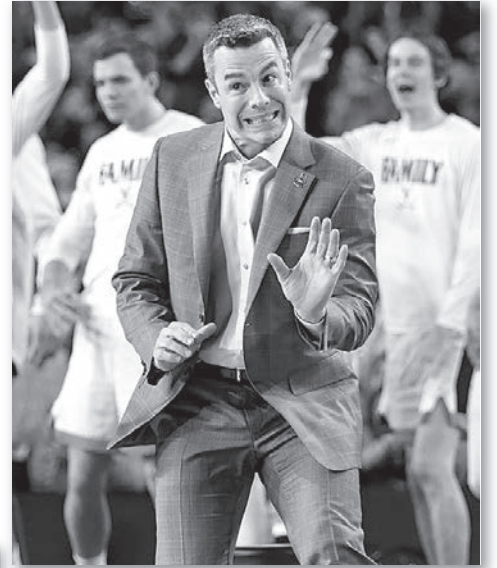
The only senior on the team, Jack Salt happily accepts the championship trophy as CBS announcer Jim Nantz looks on.



This young Virginia fan soaked in the confetti drop after his Cavaliers won the national championship Monday.



"Family" was written across Virginia's warm-up tops. The Cavaliers stuck together all final four — for pregame prayer (above), in preparation for a celebration (below), and for their first photo as the 2019 national champions (at left).

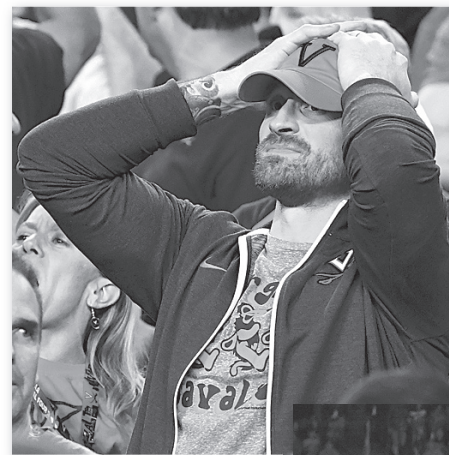


Virginia guard De'Andre Hunter goes up over Texas Tech's Kyler Edwards in the first half of the national championship game. Hunter scored a game-high 27 points in the Cavaliers' 85-77 overtime victory.

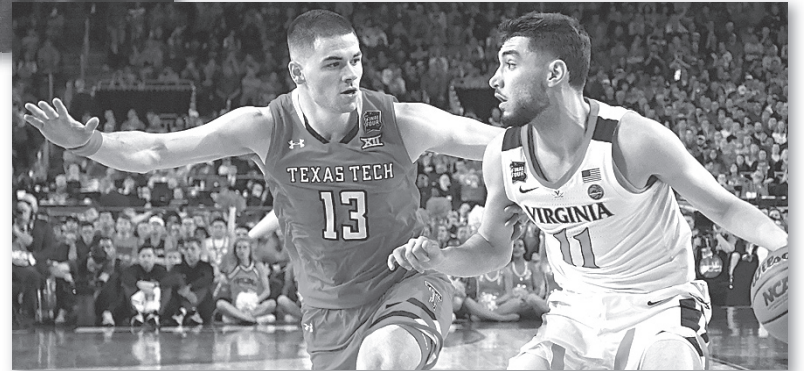


The nerves of overtime bled into the crowd, even to those who have excelled on the biggest stages. Above, former Virginia football player and current Philadelphia Eagle Chris Long waits for time to expire on Monday's national championship game and for the Cavaliers to become champions. Now leading the Kansas City Chiefs, Patrick Mahomes II was in the crowd during the Final Four to cheer on his school, Texas Tech.

Photos by Matt Kane



Virginia's Ty Jerome handles the ball against Texas Tech's Matt Mooney Monday night in the second half of the national championship game.



Texas Tech guard Davide Moretti survived this Red Raider sandwich between teammates Norender Ondiashe (left) and Matt Mooney



Texas Tech's Jarrett Culver got this baby hook over Virginia's De'Andre Hunter and Mamadi Diakite to fall late in the second half. Culver scored 15 points in the Red Raiders' loss to Virginia.



Texas Tech's Brandone Francis has his put-back attempt rejected by Virginia's Mamadi Diakite in the second half.



Virginia junior guard Kyle Guy drives on the Texas Tech defense in the first half.



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Final Four

Virginia 63, Auburn 62



Auburn's Bryce Brown stares in disbelief at the zeros on the game clock at the end of the Tigers' 63-62 Final Four loss to Virginia April 6 at U.S. Bank Stadium. At left: Brown is consoled by assistant coach Ira Brown.

Double dribble?

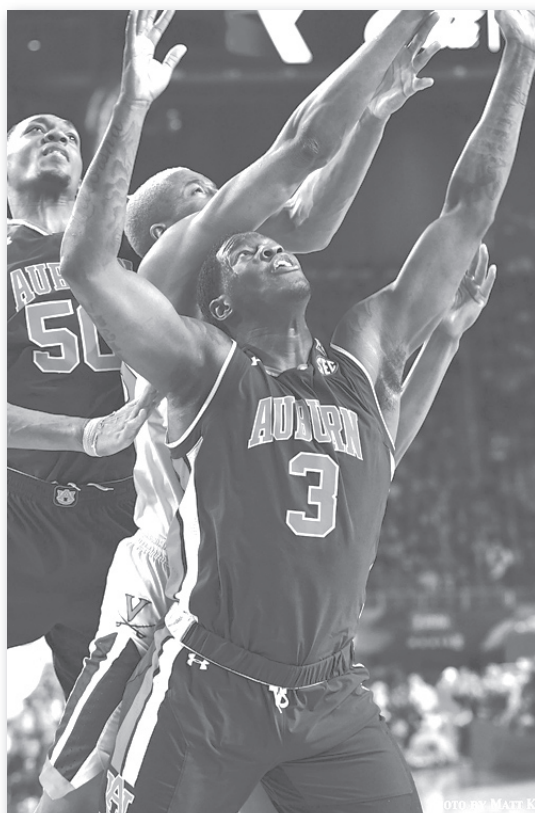
Virginia guard Ty Jerome collects the ball with two hands after dribbling off his foot in the closing seconds with his team trailing 62-60 to Auburn in the Final Four semifinal game April 6. Play continued, however, and the possession led to three free throws that gave the Cavaliers' a 63-62 win.



Virginia guard Kihei Clark looks for an open teammate during the Cavaliers' game against Auburn.



Virginia's De'Andre Hunter seems spooked by either the basketball or the seemingly body-less hand reaching around April 6 against Auburn. Hunter scored 14 points in the Cavaliers' win.



Auburn's Danjel Purifoy (3) and Austin Wiley (50) put in the squeeze on Virginia's Mamadi Diakite in an attempt to pull down a rebound.



Auburn coach Bruce Pearl barks out orders during the Tigers' Final Four semifinal game against Virginia. Pearl led Auburn to its first Final Four appearance, taking down blue-chip programs Kansas, North Carolina and Kentucky to get there.

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Texas Tech 61, Michigan State 51



Michigan State's Cassius Winston is swarmed by Texas Tech's Norense Odiase (32) and Brandone Francis in the second half of the Final Four semifinal game April 6 at U.S. Bank Stadium. The Red Raider defense was good, and led Texas Tech to a 61-51 win.



Texas Tech's Tariq Owens put the hammer down on Michigan State's Nick Ward on this first-half dunk.



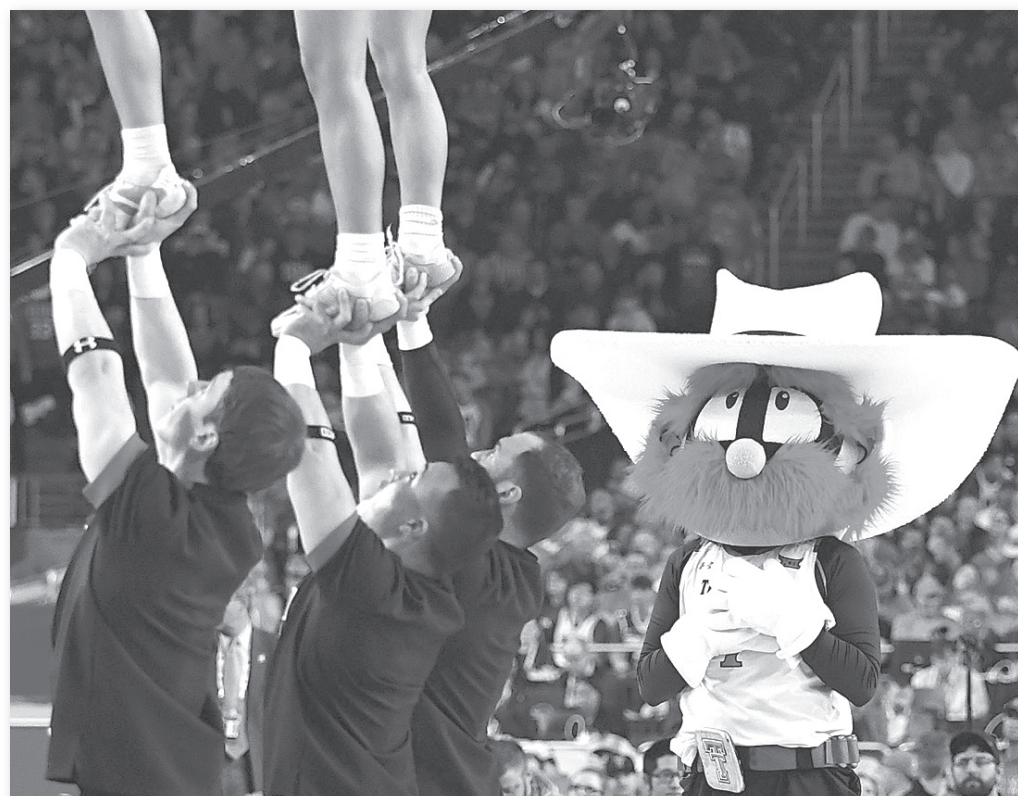
Texas Tech's Norense Odiase and Michigan State's Xavier Tillman battle for rebounding position.



Matt Mooney was awesome in Texas Tech's win over Michigan State. He matched a career high with 22 points.



Michigan State's Tom Izzo was coaching in his eighth Final Four. It was the first Final Four appearance for Texas Tech's Chris Beard.



Raider Red's heart skipped a beat during this performance by the Texas Tech cheer squad. Michigan State's cheerleaders did some high-flying of their own.



Before calling U.S. Bank Stadium home, Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins once wore the green and white of Michigan State. Here, Cousins talks with his old Spartan coach Mark Dantonio April 6 at the Final Four.