

Sabrina Ionescu: A Generation-Defining Athlete

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The entire sports world erupted when Virginia went from a loss against a 16 seed just a season before to a victory in the NCAA championship over Texas Tech.

However, could you name the 2019 NCAA champion? Could you name even five players that competed in the NCAA Tournament?

Often, the accomplishments of fantastic female athletes are overlooked.

One such athlete is Sabrina Ionescu.

Ionescu was drafted yesterday with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2020 WNBA Draft by the New York Liberty. She was a standout sensation at Oregon, and Ionescu has dominated the NCAA landscape for the last four years.

The 5'11" senior would have been the easy choice to go No. 1 in the 2019 NCAA Draft, but she decided to return to Oregon for the 2019-2020 season. Unfortunately, her dream of a title opportunity was eliminated by COVID-19.

Oregon has never won an NCAA title. Ionescu could have easily chose to go to the WNBA early, but she chose to return to school to bring a title to Oregon.

She wanted to represent her university and leave a lasting legacy on her school.

Ionescu had an opportunity this year to lead Oregon to a place they have never been before, but she didn't get the chance due to COVID-19. She, like many other seniors, lost her opportunity at March Madness glory due to the worldwide pandemic.

So, how does Ionescu's collegian career end? In four seasons, Ionescu scored 2,349 points.

During her senior season, Ionescu shot 43.8% from the field and 42.2% from three-point range. She averaged 19.6 PPG, 7.4 RPG and 8.2 APG.

Ionescu joins teammates Satou Sabally (No. 2 overall selection) and Ruthy Hebard (No. 8 overall selection) as first-round picks in the 2020 WNBA Draft.

Every so often the sports world gets a figure so potent that he or she could change the entire landscape of the sport. Ionescu is that figure.

Ionescu does it all: shoot, rebound, pass, etc.

Ionescu is everything that you could want in a prospect and more.