

Using Kenpom's data, I compiled all the "pre tourney" statistics for the championship teams dating back to the 2002 season. My goal was to find common ground within each victor and use that information to help decipher any parallels. Then proceed to use that championship DNA to gain a better idea of a possible championship candidate. As one would assume there's common efficiencies, tempo, etc.

Using the image listed: <http://i.imgur.com/w44TPBu.png>

I combined the 15 past winners onto one spreadsheet with their data (pre-tournament). The colors: Red = Ranked 6 or better in total EF. Purple = tempo 206 or faster. Blue = both EF are ranked 17 or better. Green = Right outside the blue.

**First:** 12 of the 15 teams ranked in the top 6 of Kenpom's total ranking or AdjEM. 14/15 were in top 15. The 2014 Uconn Huskies are the standout with placing at 25.

**Second:** 14/15 teams had a tempo 206 or faster. 2016 Nova was the outcast at 243.

#### "Rank adj OE" and "Rank adj DE"

- 8/15 had both EF 15 or better
- 10/15 had both EF 18 or better
- 11/15 had one of their EFs 7 or better

#### Defensive Efficiency:

- 10/15 had DE 14 or better
- 13/15 had DE 25 or better

#### Offensive Efficiency

- 8/15 had OE 5 or better
- 13/15 had OE 17 or better

#### Key Data:

- 14/15 tempo 206 or faster
- 12/15 were ranked 6 or better for total AdjEM or overall ranking
- 14/15 were top 15 overall ranking
- 13/15 had OE 17 or better
- 13/15 had DE 25 or better
- 11/15 had one EF 7 or better
- 10/15 had both EF 18 or better

**Top 6 teams** on Kenpom right now (12/15 past winners were ranked 6 or better pre-tournament)

- **Gonzaga: Rank 1, OE 10, DE 2, tempo 71**
- Villanova: Rank 2, OE 2, DE 12, tempo 323
- **North Carolina: Rank 3, OE 4, DE 25, tempo 53**
- **Kentucky: Rank 4, OE 14, DE 9, tempo 16**
- West Virginia: Rank 5, OE 28, DE 5, tempo 79
- **Louisville: Rank 6, OE 23, DE 6, tempo 180**

#### Others:

- Kansas: Rank 10, OE 9, DE 30, tempo 67
- Duke: Rank 12, OE 6, DE 39, tempo 183
- UCLA: Rank 18, OE 3, DE 78, tempo 12

- SMU: Rank 11, OE 11, DE 29, tempo 330
- Florida: Rank 9, OE 31, DE 4, tempo 119
- Oregon: Rank 16, OE 19, DE 22, tempo 238
- **Wichita State: Rank 8: OE 12, DE 19, tempo 133** (Could be considered a match. They lack an EF in the top 7 and being ranked in the top 6 but are indeed a considerable match.)

**Best Matches:**

- Gonzaga
- Kentucky
- North Carolina
- Louisville

Gonzaga was the only team to match everything. UK didn't have an EF in the top 7, Louisville and UNC didn't have both EFs in the top 18. Very minor setbacks. Villanova plays too slow and a repeat is extremely rare but that's a personal opinion. WVU could be a possible fit. DE is 28 and 13 of 15 teams had a better DE than that. Kansas has an even worse defense and is not in the top 6.

Now this just throwing around some data. There's obviously many other elements that go into a championship team but thought it was interesting and wanted to share what I found.