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NCR Bracket update: One game to go

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The NCAA women?s basketball tournament has whittled its field from 64 to two as it reaches its pinnacle game tonight in the Mile High City.

Set for tipoff in Denver at 8:30 p.m., EST, no. 1 seed the University of Notre Dame will face no. 1 seed ? and undefeated ? Baylor University. It's worth noting that no matter who wins, by the end of the night a Christian school will be on top of women's college basketball.

Looking back to our crumpled and thoroughly busted bracket, we see Notre Dame listed on one of the two pegs for the championship game ... though we elected to go with St. John?s University ? who lost in the third round ? to upset the Irish and win it all.

Game over, 2012 bracket challenge. Oh well. Better luck next year.

Though we failed to pick a champion on either side, our women?s bracket fared far better than our men?s counterpart. No Catholic school made it to New Orleans for the Final Four in the men?s tournament, with Marquette University coming the closest, winning two games before losing to the University of Florida in a Sweet 16 matchup.

On the women's side, Notre Dame was the only team to make it out of the Sweet 16, but three other Catholic schools joined them in the tournament?s third round. Those were St. John?s (who lost to Duke), Gonzaga University (who lost to Kentucky) and St. Bonaventure University (who lost to Notre Dame).

And while our bracket no longer has a horse in the race, there?s still plenty of reason to watch. If the Final Four games won by Baylor and Notre Dame offer a preview to tonight?s matchup, the championship should offer some excellent performances from two talented teams.

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