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Clyde Newest Member of Basketball Hall

(AP)— Nicknames have followed Clyde Drexler throughout his basketball career. Now, he can add something a little more formal: Hall of Famer.

Drexler was one of six former players, coaches and team executives announced Monday as the newest members of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

Joining him are Lynette Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and first female Harlem Globetrotter; coach Bill Sharman, already in the hall as a player; the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA rookie of the year; Jerry Colangelo, chairman

of the Phoenix Suns; and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star for Yugoslavia.

They will be inducted Sept. 10 in Springfield.

Drexler, who in 1997 was selected one of the NBA's 50 greatest players, was humbled to be a new member of the hall.

"I grew up watching a lot of them and to be in the same class as they are is phenomenal," Drexler said. "It kind of validates your career as a basketball player. I think that I'm the luckiest man in the world."

In college, he played in two Final Fours. In his 15-year NBA career, Drexler led the Portland



Basketball Hall of Fame inductees Bill Sharman (from left) Lynette Woodard, Jerry Colangelo and Clyde Drexler at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony Monday in San Antonio. The group will be enshrined on Sept. 10 in Springfield, Mass. (AP photo)

Trail Blazers to the NBA Finals in 1990 and '92, and won a championship with Houston in 1995.

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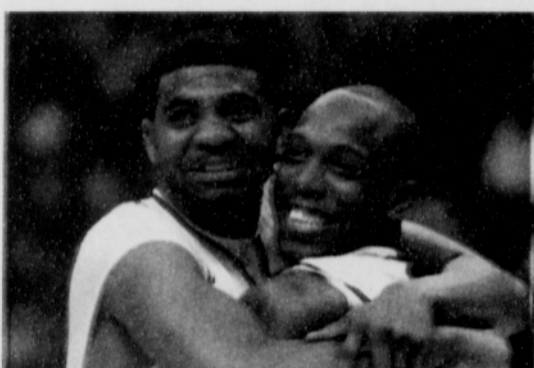
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Connecticut players Rashad Anderson (left) and Taliek Brown start celebrating late in the NCAA Final Four championship game Monday. (AP photo)



(AP)— Connecticut never let up and Georgia Tech was never in the game. The Huskies won their second national championship with a start-to-finish effort expected from the team that was ranked No. 1 twice as long as any other this season. The 82-73 victory Monday night was a 40-minute glimpse of what Connecticut does best.

The Huskies played defense like the team first in the nation in field-goal percentage defense and blocked shots. The offense was keyed by running off missed shots and Georgia Tech missed a lot of shots.

"I was thinking 'You want to run with us? You don't know about running with us.' We made the fact that we were going to come at them and play Connecticut basketball," Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said. "The biggest thing was we were free to play our basketball against a team everybody assumed would be quicker, but we actually used our quickness to out rebound them."

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