ZAGS HIT JACKPOT

What happens in Vegas, happens again in Vegas: Gonzaga’s men, women dominate, clinching NCAA Tournament berths

Gonzaga forward Killian Tillie cuts the nets after the Zags defeated BYU in the WCC Tournament championship game Tuesday night at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas.

BULLDOGS BLOW BY BYU

By Jim Meehan

LAS VEGAS – It was one highlight play after another on an endless loop. Slick passes, 3-pointers that barely ruffled the net, suffocating defense, steals, smart passes, run-out layups. More 3s. More steals. More of everything.

Gonzaga put a run on BYU that lasted from late in the first half to nearly the midpoint of the second. When it was over, the Zags led by 32 points and a crowd of 8,030 mostly outfitted in Gonzaga gear was on its feet in appreciation inside the Orleans Arena.

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Sixth straight WCC crown just as sweet

LAS VEGAS – The last dribble of confetti had settled on the floor at Orleans Arena and the net had been scissored into souvenirs, so the Gonzaga Bulldogs drifted away toward their locker room, champions again. Who knew? Maybe champions forever.

Then Silas Melson doubled back, remembering one last to-do.

Liberating the trophy. The gold ball had been left on the presentation platform, where it became the centerpiece of a hundred fan selfies while the team took turns on the ladder.

A senior’s job.

For a unprecedented sixth straight year, the Bulldogs cut off the hardware as champions of the West Coast Conference basketball tournament, the crowning achievement an unmerciful 74-54