

Raymond's highly scientific predictions for the 2010 NCAA men's basketball tournament

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Once again, it's time for Raymond to come up with an absurd, arbitrary criterion for filling out his NCAA bracket. This year, we go to the well-known dispute arbiter Google Fight. The criterion is the number of Google hits for the quoted phrase "%s basketball", divided by the school's seed. (I would have used Bing hits, except Bing's numbers are highly erratic. Only 291 hits for "Arkansas-Pine Bluff basketball"? The results may be more meaningful, but I'm not looking for meaningful results; I'm looking for numbers I can plug into my bracket-o-matic.) Once the field has been narrowed to eight teams, the results are determined by a coin flip.

Update:

- Correct predictions are in green.
- Incorrect predictions are in red.
- (!) marks upsets correctly predicted.
- (*) marks upsets predicted but did not take place.
- (x) marks actual upsets not predicted.

Opening Round Game

Arkansas-Pine Bluff	(80,900)	Arkansas-Pine Bluff (80,900)
Winthrop	(29,200)	

Midwest bracket

1	Kansas	(94,200)	Kansas (94,200)	Kansas (94,200) (x)	Kansas (heads)	Kansas
16	Lehigh	(1,400)				

8	UNLV	(43,875)	Northern Iowa (57,444) (!)			
9	Northern Iowa	(57,444)				
5	Michigan State	(15,120)	Michigan State (15,120)	Maryland (27,750) (x)		
12	New Mexico State	(11,083)				
4	Maryland	(27,750)	Maryland (27,750)			
13	Houston	(6,784)				
6	Tennessee	(11,550)	San Diego State (17,272) (*)	Georgetown (24,766)	Ohio State (tails)	
11	San Diego State	(17,272)				
3	Georgetown	(24,766)	Georgetown (24,766) (x)			
14	Ohio	(2,057)				
7	Oklahoma State	(2,857)	Oklahoma State (2,857) (x)	Ohio State (34,700)		
10	Georgia Tech	(2,750)				
2	Ohio State	(34,700)	Ohio State (34,700)			
15	UC Santa Barbara	(4,746)				

West bracket

1	Syracuse	(131,000)	Syracuse (131,000)	Syracuse (131,000)	Syracuse (tails)	Pittsburgh
16	Vermont	(5,312)				
8	Gonzaga	(5,325)	Gonzaga (5,325)			
9	Florida State	(1,644)				
5	Butler	(26,000)	Butler (26,000)	Vanderbilt (61,750)		
12	UTEP	(7,600)				

4	Vanderbilt	(61,750)	Vanderbilt (61,750) (x)		
13	Murray State	(6,761)			
6	Xavier	(26,500)	Xavier (26,500)	Pittsburgh (54,666) (x)	Pittsburgh (heads)
11	Minnesota	(3,427)			
3	Pittsburgh	(54,666)	Pittsburgh (54,666)		
14	Oakland	(1,728)			
7	BYU	(6,785)	BYU (6,785)	Kansas State (25,000)	
10	Florida	(5,850)			
2	Kansas State	(25,000)	Kansas State (25,000)		
15	North Texas	(7,066)			

East bracket

1	Kentucky	(285,000)	Kentucky (285,000)	Kentucky (285,000)	Kentucky (tails)	New Mexico
16	East Tennessee State	(3,687)				
8	Texas	(24,250)	Texas (24,250) (x)			
9	Wake Forest	(3,022)				
5	Temple	(32,600)	Cornell (60,000) (!)	Cornell (60,000) (!)		
12	Cornell	(60,000)				
4	Wisconsin	(8,325)	Wisconsin (8,325)			
13	Wofford	(2,192)				
6	Marquette	(15,283)	Marquette (15,283) (x)	New Mexico (17,633)	New Mexico (heads)	
11	Washington	(4,009)				

3	New Mexico	(17,633)	New Mexico (17,633)		
14	Montana	(1,778)			
7	Clemson	(4,885)	Clemson (4,885) (x)	West Virginia (10,800)	
10	Missouri	(3,700)			
2	West Virginia	(10,800)	West Virginia (10,800)		
15	Morgan State	(5,686)			

South bracket

1	Duke	(363,000)	Duke (363,000)	Duke (363,000)	Duke (heads)	Duke
16	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	(5,056)				
8	California	(2,487)	Louisville (17,444) (*)			
9	Louisville	(17,444)				
5	Texas A&M	(156,000)	Texas A&M (156,000)	Texas A&M (156,000) (*)		
12	Utah State	(0,883)				
4	Purdue	(12,000)	Purdue (12,000)			
13	Siena	(0,900)				
6	Notre Dame	(14,450)	Old Dominion (14,454) (!)	Old Dominion (14,454) (*)	Villanova (tails)	
11	Old Dominion	(14,454)				
3	Baylor	(11,100)	Baylor (11,100)			
14	Sam Houston State	(4,671)				
7	Richmond	(5,714)	Saint Mary's (9,900) (!)	Villanova (18,000) (x)		

10	Saint Mary's	(9,900)			
2	Villanova	(18,000)	Villanova (18,000)		
15	Robert Morris	(13,000)			

Finals

Kansas	(tails)	Pittsburgh (heads)	Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh	(heads)		
New Mexico	(heads)	New Mexico (tails)	
Duke	(tails)		

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