# Raymond's highly scientific predictions for the 2009 NCAA men's basketball tournament

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Once again, it's time for Raymond to come up with an <u>absurd</u>, <u>arbitrary</u> criterion for filling out his NCAA bracket.

This year, the criterion is the school's graduation rate for basketball players. Lower graduation rate wins. However, if the teams are seeded 11 or more positions apart, I'll give the win to the favorite (just to get rid of <a href="https://high.nikely.n

### **Update**:

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

# **Opening Round Game**

Alabama State (56	6) Alabama State
Morehead State (57	

#### Midwest bracket

1	Louisville	(42%)	Louisville (42%)	Louisville (42%)	Louisville (42%)	USC (37%)
16	Alabama State	(56%)	(42 /0)	(42 /0)	(42 /0)	(37 70)
8	Ohio State	(53%)	Ohio State (53%) (x)			

9 Siena (86%)  5 Utah (67%) Arizona (20%) (!)  4 Wake Forest (100%) Cleveland State (71%) (!)  6 West Virginia (41%) West Virginia (41%) (41%) (x)  11 Dayton (89%) (41%) (x)  3 Kansas (64%) Kansas (64%)  14 North Dakota State (N/A) State  7 Boston College (70%) USC (37%) (!)  10 USC (37%)  2 Michigan State (60%) Michigan State (60%)  15 Robert Morris (100%) (60%)						
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	2	Michigan State	(60%)			

## West bracket

1	Connecticut	(33%)	Connecticut (33%)	Connecticut (33%)	Connecticut (33%)	Maryland (10%)
16	Chattanooga	(34%)	(0070)	-	()	,
8	BYU	(91%)	Texas A&M (47%) (!)			
9	Texas A&M	(47%)	(47 70) (:)			
5	Purdue	(77%)	Northern Iowa	Washington (50%)		
12	Northern Iowa	(67%)	(67%) (x)	(3070)		
4	Washington	(50%)	Washington (50%)			

13	Mississippi State	(53%)			
6	Marquette	(100%)	Utah State* (100%) (*)	Missouri (36%)	Maryland (10%)
11	Utah State	(100%)	(10070)()	(3070)	(1070)
3	Missouri	(36%)	Missouri (36%)		
14	Cornell	(N/A)	(30 %)		
7	California	(30%)	Maryland (10%) (!)	Maryland (10%) (*)	
10	Maryland	(10%)	(1070)(!)	(10 %) ( )	
2	Memphis	(55%)	Memphis (55%)		
15	Cal St. Northridge	(8%)	(3370)		

## East bracket

1	Pittsburgh	(69%)	Pittsburgh (69%)	Tennessee (38%)	Portland State (17%)	Portland State (17%)
16	East Tennessee State	(60%)		(38%)		
8	Oklahoma State	(92%)	Tennessee (38%) (x)			
9	Tennessee	(38%)	(30 %) (X)			
5	Florida State	(100%)	Wisconsin	Portland		
12	Wisconsin	(86%)	(86%) (!)	State (17%)		
4	Xavier	(82%)	Portland State			
13	Portland State	(17%)	(17%) (*)			
6	UCLA	(46%)	UCLA (46%)	UCLA (46%) (*)	Texas	
11	VCU	(53%)	(40 /0)	(46%) (*)	(31%)	
3	Villanova	(89%)	Villanova (89%)			

14	American	(31%)		
7	Texas	(31%)	Texas (31%)	Texas (31%) (*)
10	Minnesota	(36%)	(0170)	(0170)()
2	Duke	(89%)	Duke (89%)	
15	Binghamton	(100%)	(0070)	

## South bracket

1	North Carolina	(86%)	North Carolina	LSU (40%) (*)	LSU (40%)	Clemson (29%)
16	Radford	(80%)	(86%)	(4070)()	(4070)	(2370)
8	LSU	(40%)	LSU (40%)			
9	Butler	(92%)	(4070)			
5	Illinois	(80%)	Illinois	Akron		
12	Western Kentucky	(100%)	(80%) (x)	(63%)		
4	Gonzaga	(67%)	Akron			
13	Akron	(63%)	(63%) (*)			
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6	Arizona State	(38%)	Arizona	Arizona	Clemson	l
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3 14	Temple Syracuse Stephen F. Austin	(38%) (57%) (50%) (42%)	State (38%)  Syracuse (50%)	State (38%) (*)		
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15 Morgan State (45%)	
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#### **Finals**

USC	(37%)	Maryland (10%)	Maryland (10%)
Maryland	(10%)	(1070)	(1070)
Clemson	(29%)	Portland State	
Portland State	(17%)	(17%)	

<sup>\*</sup>The Marquette/Utah State game is a draw based on graduation rates, so it went to the tie-breaker: <u>players arrested</u>.

**Update 9am:** Fixed the prediction for the game between LSU and Akron. Thanks, <u>Adam</u>, for pointing this out.

My source for graduation data.

**Update 10am**: Fixed the prediction for the game between Louisville and Arizona. Thanks, <u>Dave O</u>, for pointing this out.

**Update 1pm**: Fixed the prediction of the game between UCLA and VCU (and the subsequent matchup against Villanova). Thanks, <u>Crawford</u>, for pointing this out.

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