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 <u>absurd</u>, <u>arbitrary</u> 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 <u>by a coin flip</u>.

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)	(00,900)

Midwest bracket

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

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West bracket

1	Syracuse	(131,000)	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Pittsburgh
16	Vermont	(5,312)	(131,000)	(131,000)	(tails)	
8	Gonzaga	(5,325)	Gonzaga (5,325)			
9	Florida State	(1,644)	(3,323)			
5	Butler	(26,000)	Butler (26,000)	Vanderbilt (61,750)		
12	UTEP	(7,600)	(20,000)	(01,730)		

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4	- Vanderbilt	(61,750)	Vanderbilt		
13	Murray State	(6,761)	(61,750) (x)		
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6	Xavier	(26,500)	Xavier (26,500)	Pittsburgh (54,666) (x)	Pittsburgh (heads)
11	Minnesota	(3,427)	(20,300)	(34,000) (X)	(Heads)
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3	Pittsburgh	(54,666)	Pittsburgh (54,666)		
14	Oakland	(1,728)	(04,000)		
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7	BYU	(6,785)	BYU (6,785)	Kansas State	
10	Florida	(5,850)	(0,700)	(25,000)	
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2	Kansas State	(25,000)	Kansas State (25,000)		
15		(7,066)	(20,000)		

East bracket

1	Kentucky	(285,000)	Kentucky (285,000)	Kentucky (285,000)	Kentucky (tails)	New Mexico
16	East Tennessee State	(3,687)	(203,000)	(203,000)		IVICAICO
8	Texas	(24,250)	Texas			
9	Wake Forest	(3,022)	(24,250) (x)			
5	Temple	(32,600)	Cornell	Cornell (60,000) (!)		
12	Cornell	(60,000)	(60,000) (!)	(00,000) (!)		
4	Wisconsin	(8,325)	Wisconsin			
13	Wofford	(2,192)	(8,325)			
6	Marquette	(15,283)	Marquette New M (15,283) (x) (17,63	New Mexico	New Mexico	
11	Washington	(4,009)		(17,000)	(heads)	

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3	New Mexico	(17,633)	New Mexico (17,633)	
14	Montana	(1,778)	(17,000)	
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7	Clemson	(4,885)	Clemson (4,885) (x)	West Virginia
10	Missouri	(3,700)	(4,000) (A)	(10,800)
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2	West Virginia	(10,800)	West Virginia (10,800)	
15	Morgan State	(5,686)	(10,000)	

South bracket

1	Duke	(363,000)	Duke (363,000)	Duke (363,000)	Duke (heads)	Duke
16	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	(5,056)	(303,000)		(Heaus)	
8	California	(2,487)	Louisville (17,444) (*)			
9	Louisville	(17,444)	(17,444)()			
5	Texas A&M	(156,000)	Texas A&M (156,000)	Texas A&M		
12	Utah State	(0,883)	(156,000)	(156,000) (*)		
4	Purdue	(12,000)	Purdue			
13	Siena	(0,900)	(12,000)			
6	Notre Dame	(14,450)	Old Dominion	Old	Villanova	
11	Old Dominion	(14,454)	(14,454) (!)	Dominion (14,454) (*)	(tails)	
3	Baylor	(11,100)	Baylor			
14	Sam Houston State	(4,671)	(11,100)			
7	Richmond	(5,714)	Saint Mary's (9,900) (!)	Villanova (18,000) (x)		
			(3,300) (:)	(10,000) (X)		

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

Finals

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

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