

Liz Acey clinches *Times* pool

Guaranteed victory in moneyless men's tournament contest

MEN'S TOURNAMENT POOL

<u>Contestant</u> <u>(place, name)</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u># of correct</u> <u>Final 4 picks</u>
1. Liz Acey	293	3
2. Matt Thomsen	263	2
3. Ryan McBride	261	2
4. Chris Marzitone	254	2
Lou Ruggiero	254	2
6. Eric Burns	253	2
Marco Villalobos	253	2
8. Bryan Rudolph	245	2
9. Kevin Wilsey	228	1
10. Todd Stigliano	221	1
Shaun Sullivan	221	0
12. Arthur Lubniewski	218	1
13. Claudio Gualtieri	217	1
Kevin Hauschulz	217	2
15. Natalie Harbeson	216	1
16. Peter Huybrechts	214	1
17. Tim Stevens	211	0
18. Leslie Carlson	206	1
19. David Downes	199	1
20. Bill Kenny	197	1
21. Christine Perkins	191	0
22. Brendan Loy	176	1
23. Kate Harbeson	160	1
24. Josh Rubin	123	0

Maximum possible # of points so far: 412

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT POOL

<u>Contestant</u> <u>(place, name)</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Could still</u> <u>win pool?</u>
1. Brendan Loy	308	Yes
2. Claudio Gualtieri	281	Yes
3. Christine Perkins	279	Yes
4. Josh Rubin	276	No
5. Leslie Carlson	274	Yes
6. Bryan Rudolph	272	No
7. Natalie Harbeson	261	No
8. Kevin Hauschulz	250	No
9. Arthur Lubniewski	217	No
10. Kate Harbeson	182	No

Maximum possible # of points so far: 352

Early Saturday evening, only one of the four national semifinal spots had been filled in, but the suspense was already over in *The Living Room Times* moneyless NCAA men's tournament pool.

As #1-seeded Minnesota pulled away to an 80-72 victory over #2-seeded UCLA in the Midwest Regional Final, Liz Acey clinched a win in the *Times* pool. By the end of the day Sunday, Acey had become the only contestant in the pool to correctly predict three of the four Final Four teams in this wild and crazy tournament. Her only mistake: She picked #1 Kansas out of the Southeast, as did all but five contestants in the pool. Only one person, Kate Harbeson, correctly predicted that #4 Arizona would make it to the Final Four.

Number of contestants who correctly picked each of the men's Final 4 teams

North Carolina 14
Kentucky 10
Minnesota 4
Arizona 1

Meanwhile, the women's tournament pool remains undetermined. Tonight, the regional finals will be played, and they will have a major effect on the outcome of the pool. Josh Rubin, who has slipped from second place to fourth, is already eliminated from contention for winning the pool. But the rest of the Top Five—Brendan Loy, Claudio Gualtieri, Mrs. Perkins, and Leslie Carlson—could win.

Tonight's most important games as far as the pool is concerned: the East regional final between Cinderellas George Washington and Notre Dame (4:30 PM), and the West regional final between perennial powers Stanford and Georgia (11:30 PM). If George Washington beats Notre Dame, Mrs. Perkins will be eliminated. If Georgia beats Stanford, Claudio Gualtieri will be eliminated; if Stanford beats Georgia, Leslie Carlson will be eliminated. If

UConn loses to Tennessee, everyone except Brendan Loy will be eliminated, and Loy will clinch the pool. (But I nevertheless hope that **doesn't** happen! Go UConn!)