



Final Four!

LRT men's and women's NCAA tournament pool standings, **inside**

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Perkins needs one more upset

Will win men's pool unless there's a Duke-UConn final; Schultz, Emerson still alive

THE SCENARIOS

Ms. Perkins wins pool if:

Either Michigan State or Ohio State win on Saturday

Nathan Emerson wins pool if:

Duke and UConn win on Saturday, and UConn beats Duke on Monday

Jamie Schultz wins pool if:

Duke and UConn win on Saturday, and Duke beats UConn on Monday

NHS teacher Christine Perkins, the "Cinderella story" of the 1999 *LRT* men's pool, the woman who has led since the midway point of the second round thanks to seemingly outlandish picks such as Temple in the Sweet 16, Gonzaga in the Elite Eight, and Ohio State in the Final Four, needs just one more upset in order to win the pool.

She needs either Duke or UConn to lose in the national semifinals this Saturday.

That's right. If South Region champ Ohio State, a #4 seed, manages to knock off West #1-seed UConn, Perkins will win the pool. Likewise if Michigan State stuns top-ranked Duke.

<u>Current standings:</u> Top 10 out of 61	<u>Pts.</u> (max)	<u>Best possible finish</u>
	412)	
1. Ms. Perkins	299	1st
2. Jamie Schultz	271	1st
3T. Nathan Emerson	256	1st
3T. Mark Jordan	256	2nd
5T. Brian Newbold	253	2nd
5T. Sara Hamilton	253	tied for 2nd
5T. Brendan Loy	253	tied for 2nd
5T. Allyson Perlini	253	tied for 2nd
5T. Matt Kagan	253	tied for 3rd
5T. Joe Ploszay	253	tied for 3rd

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FOR THE RECORD

Ms. Perkins will break the all-time *LRT* men's pool points record of 354, set in 1996 by Mr. Ruggiero, if Michigan State and Ohio State both win on Saturday, and Michigan State then wins the title Monday.

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Vasil (51-5) could clinch tonight

Leads women's pool, will win if Rutgers beats Purdue; could break points record

VASIL CLINCHES POOL TONIGHT IF:

Rutgers wins

CHOKSHI CLINCHES POOL TONIGHT IF:

Purdue, Duke, UCLA, and Iowa State all win

VASIL BREAKS RECORD TONIGHT IF:

Rutgers, Tennessee, and Louisiana Tech all win

ROSE BREAKS RECORD TONIGHT IF:

Purdue, Tennessee, Louisiana Tech, and Georgia all win

You might think that a victory by #3-seed Rutgers over top-ranked and #1-seed Purdue in tonight's women's Midwest regional final would be an unlikely upset.

But Kristin Vasil predicted it. And based on Vasil's record so far, it would be unwise to bet against her.

Vasil, who finished the third round with an incredible 51-5 record of picking tourney winners, will clinch victory in *The Living Room Times's* third annual NCAA women's pool if Rutgers wins tonight's game against

<u>Current standings:</u> Top 10 out of 33	<u>Pts.</u> (max)	<u>Will be eliminated tonight if...</u>
	352)	
1. Kristin Vasil	322	Duke, Purdue, and UCLA all win
2T. Bindee Chokshi	307	Rutgers wins; or Georgia and Louisiana Tech win
2T. Jason Rose	307	Rutgers wins; or Iowa State, UCLA, and Duke all win
4. Chris Manzione	295	already eliminated
5. Jeff Cultrera	290	already eliminated
6. Justin Gerace	287	already eliminated
7. Dennis Chow	285	Rutgers, UCLA, or Duke win
8. Brian Newbold	282	already eliminated
9. Todd Stigliano	281	already eliminated
10. Ben Fairclough	278	already eliminated

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Perkins will win — if UConn or Duke lose

Men's pool leader must hope for Final Four upset; Schultz, Rose still alive

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But if Duke and UConn both win, as is overwhelmingly expected? Forget about it. Perkins will be eliminated from the pool, and either Jamie Schultz or Nathan Emerson will win.

Emerson will win if UConn beats Duke in the title game. If Duke beats UConn—the most likely scenario, according to the oddsmakers—Schultz will win.

If, on the other hand, *all* of Perkins's picks come true—Ohio State meets Michigan State in the final, with Michigan State winning the championship—she will set an all-time record for the most points in an LRT men's pool, 354, set by Lou Ruggiero in 1996. She would actually also break the all-time LRT record for either a men's or women's pool, 358—but that record will likely be smashed by *this* year's women's pool leaders.

In that scenario, Perkins would finish 89 points ahead of her nearest competitor. In another possible scenario, she could win the pool by just 1 point.

Over the weekend, the LRT-affiliated *NHS Life & Times* website incorrectly reported that Nate Emerson had been eliminated, and that Brendan Loy, Sara Hamilton, and Allyson Perlini were still alive. In fact, they are all knocked out, and Emerson is still alive.

Right: No one will be able to laugh at Ms. Perkins's success — not even Perkins herself — if Duke or UConn lose in the Final Four Saturday, clinching an LRT pool victory for her.



The Living Room Times's fourth annual moneyless men's NCAA tournament pool

Standings after 60 games (end of Elite Eight)

Total possible points so far: 412

Scoring: 5-7-10-15-20-25, no upset points

1. Ms. Perkins	299	26. Derek McDonald	231
2. Jamie Schultz	271	Idalina Estanislau	231
3. Nathan Emerson	256	28. Ms. Mancini	229
Mark Jordan	256	Mike Duensing	229
5. Sara Hamilton	253	Alison Lucey	229
Joe Ploszay	253	Justin Gerace	229
Allyson Perlini	253	32. Joanna Kornafel	227
Brendan Loy	253	33. Amanda Titus	226
Matt Kagan	253	Mrs. Stone	226
Brian Newbold	253	Chris Manzione	226
11. Ben Fairclough	249	36. Liz Acey	224
12. Dennis Chow	246	Claudio Gualtieri	224
13. Tom Greca	245	38. Joey DiNardi	221
14. Tim Stevens	243	Stacey Schultz	221
15. Jenn Castelhana	241	Shaun Sullivan	221
16. Kate Wright	239	Mr. Ruggiero	221
Jason Rose	239	42. Mikey Mierkiewicz	218
18. David Zinkerman	238	Travis Meyer	218
19. Beth Milewski	237	Milan Cisar	218
20. Brenden Roche	236	45. Steve Santos	217
Mrs. Norby	236	46. Matt Thomsen	214
Kristina Polomsky	236	47. David Martins	213
Mike Walker	236	48. Sara Rzeszutek	212
Eric Burns	236	49. Jeff Cultrera	211
Bindee Chokshi	236	Bryan Rudolph	211
		51. Josh Rubin	209
		52. Todd Stigliano	207
		53. Kevin Hauschulz	206
		54. Jeff Blum	200
		55. Stephanie Toohy	199
		Michael Zarotney	199
		57. Jeff Santos	192
		58. Kelly Laskowski	183
		59. Heather Weinberg	174
		60. Evelyn Ni	161
		61. Ryan McBride	47

Vasil could clinch pool, break record tonight

Rutgers win would assure her victory; new points mark within reach

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Purdue.

If, in addition to a Rutgers win, Tennessee beats Duke and Louisiana Tech beats UCLA, Vasil will break the all-time record for the most points in an *LRT* pool, either men's or women's. That record was set in the 1997 women's pool by Brendan Loy, who earned 358 out of a possible 477 points. That surpassed Lou Ruggiero's 1996 men's pool total of 354.

Jason Rose is also within reach of Loy's record, and he would pass it tonight if all four of his Final Four picks come true—meaning that Purdue, Georgia, Tennessee, and Louisiana Tech would all have to win.

On the other hand, Rose would be eliminated if Iowa State were to beat Georgia, Duke were to beat Tennessee, and UCLA were to beat Louisiana Tech.

Wins by Georgia and Louisiana Tech would eliminate Bindee Chokshi. Chokshi would clinch victory with wins by Purdue, Iowa State, Duke, and UCLA.

If either Duke or UCLA were to win, Dennis Chow, currently in seventh place but also still alive to win the pool, would be eliminated.

Rose, Chokshi, and Chow would all be eliminated, of course, if Rutgers were to beat Purdue and Vasil were to therefore clinch victory.

The Living Room Times's third annual moneyless women's NCAA tournament pool

Standings after 56 games (end of Sweet Sixteen)

Total possible points so far: 352

Scoring: 5-7-10-15-20-25, no upset points

1.	Kristin Vasil	322
2.	Jason Rose	307
	Bindee Chokshi	307
4.	Chris Manzione	295
5.	Jeff Cultrera	290
6.	Justin Gerace	287
7.	Dennis Chow	285
8.	Brian Newbold	282
9.	Todd Stigliano	281
10.	Ben Fairclough	278
11.	Jenn Castelhana	274
12.	Ms. Mancini	272
13.	Sara Rzeszutek	271
	Tim Stevens	271
15.	Kristina Polomsky	270
16.	Kevin Hauschulz	268
17.	Mrs. Norby	264
18.	Idalina Estanislau	262
	Stephanie Toohey	262
	Ms. Perkins	262
21.	Beth Milewski	255
22.	Josh Rubin	254
23.	Claudio Gualtieri	253
24.	Sara Hamilton	249
	Brenden Roche	249
26.	Joe DiNardi	244
	Brendan Loy	244
28.	Shaun Sullivan	239
29.	Mrs. Stone	230
30.	Jen Persaud	216
31.	Evelyn Ni	211
32.	Heather Weinberg	201
33.	Kimberly Stone	179