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### **SWEET SIXTEEN!!!**



Above: NHS student Bryan Rudolph holds his hands in the air after UConn's Doron Sheffer hit a three-pointer in the game against #16-seed Colgate. Bryan was watching the game in sixth period on Mrs. Norby's classroom TV.



### UConn men beat Colgate, E. Mich.

If you looked at the final scores of the UConn men's team's games against Colgate and Eastern Michigan, you would think that the Colgate game was tougher than the Eastern Michigan game.

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In the picture at left, NHS students Michelle Bowman (left) and Bryan Rudolph (right) react to UConn freshman Ricky Moore's injury (above picture) in the Husky game against Colgate on Thursday.

### Rout, romp, advance: Women keep on rolling

The distinction between the regular season and the postseason can often be blurred for the UConn women. Because in both halves of the season, the most pressing question is usually the margin of their victory.

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### Thursday games in men's tournament

### Princeton stuns UCLA; Commonwealth loses

The Ivy League champion Princeton Tigers, seeded #13, gave a gift to their retiring coach, Pete Carril, as they stunned the defending champion UCLA Bruins \_\_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday night, 43-41.

Southeast At the same time, although they didn't know it, they were giving a gift to Newington High student Steve Santos. Santos was the only student in the *LR Times* moneyless NCAA pool who had picked Princeton to win over UCLA.

Santos, who predicted more upsets than anyone else in the pool, originally picked UCLA over Princeton, like everyone else did. But unlike everyone else, he then crossed out UCLA on his tourney bracket, and replaced it with Princeton. The change was made on a whim, basically as a joke. But as it turned out, that prediction made him the only contestant to receive points from the UCLA/Princeton game.

Princeton's win advanced them into the second round for a showdown with #5-seed Mississippi State, which defeated #12 Virginia Commonwealth 58-51 behind Darryl Wilson's 15 points. By losing, VCU ruined the lofty prediction of Tim Stevens, who did not enter the *LR Times* pool, but who had stated that Commonwealth would "go all the way" in the tournament. Stevens had supported Old Dominion, the champion of the Colonial Athletic Conference, in last year's tourney, and they stunned #3-seed Villanova in the first round. But this year's Colonial champ, VCU, didn't have the same luck.

(For other Southeast Regional action, please see "Men's team reaches Sweet Sixteen with wins over Colgate, EMU" starting on page 1.)

### **Drexel shocks Memphis;**

East & West the #12 Drexel Dragons stunned #5 Memphis, 75-63.

Meanwhile, the Purdue Boilermakers barely avoided becoming the first #1-seed ever to lose to a #16-seed, as they beat Western Carolina, 73-71.

Also out West, #4 Syracuse routed #13 Montana State, 88-55, and #8 Georgia beat #9 Clemson, 81-44. In the East, #1 UMass beat #16 Central Florida, 92-70, after leading by only three points at halftime; #9 Stanford beat #8 Bradley 66-58; #4 Marquette overpowered #13 Mommouth 68-44; and #12 Arkansas surprised #5 Penn State 86-80.

### Cinderella story for Canisius? Forget it

Midwest is fun to say. And, as Utah discovered Thursday, the team is fun to play.

Utah's Utes routed the Golden Griffins, who had been *Times* editor Brendan Loy's pick for the tournament's biggest first-round Cinderella team, by 29 points, 72-43. Obviously, the glass slipper didn't fit.

"I'm embarrassed that I ever associated myself with the name Canisius," Loy admitted after the team's humiliating loss. He had gone around school last week yelling "Canisius!" in a high-pitched, Jerry Lewis-like voice, because he thought the name sounded funny. He predicted that the Griffins would win in the first round.

But #4-seed Utah was too much—way too much—Thursday, as Brandon Jessie took over for ailing star Keith Van Horn, scoring 23 points in the blowout.

#13 Canisius had only one player in double-figures, and that player, Andre Miller, only barely did so, scoring 10. "Utah put on a clinic on how to play basketball. They beat us badly," said Canisius coach John Beilein. "This will fade and we will remember all the good things that happened to us in the last 10 days."

By winning, Utah advanced to the second round to play #5 Iowa State. The Cyclones won their first-round game over #12 California by controlling the Golden Bears' freshman star, Shareef Abdur-Rahim, holding him to only seven points. They won 74-64.

In the other Midwest Regional games on Thursday, #1 Kentucky withstood an early first-half charge from #16 San Jose State and then pulled away bigtime in the second half to win 110-72, and the #9 Virginia Tech Hokies defeated #8 Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Gonzaga loses, too—As much as *Times* chief editor Brendan Loy loved to yell "Canisius!" during the days leading up to this year's NCAA tournament, he really had fun before last year's tourney when the #14-seed in the West had an even goofier name—Gonzaga!

Gonzaga's regular season record last season was 21-8. They won the West Coast Conference tournament, which gave them an automatic bid to the NCAA tourney. They lost in the first round to Maryland. This year, they were 20-8, but did not earn an invitation to the NCAA's.

So the Bulldogs went to the NIT instead. And at about the same time as Canisius was being eliminated from the big dance, Gonzaga found themselves knocked out of the little dance, 92-73 by the Cougars of Washington State.

This year's NCAA Tournament representatives from the West Coast Conference are Portland and Santa Clara. Portland lost in the first round to Villanova; Santa Clara defeated Maryland in Round One before losing to Kansas.

### Friday games in men's tournament

### Santa Clara pulls the upset; GW doesn't

#10-seed Santa Clara, which failed to give West Living Room Times chief editor Brendan Loy bragging rights last year when Loy predicted that the then-#13-seeded Broncos would win in the first round, gave Loy his only significant prediction victory of this year's tournament—everything else he got right was either not an upset or was predicted by many others—as Santa Clara, now a #10-seed, defeated #7 Maryland in the first round of the West Regional, 91-79.

Steve Nash scored 28 points and had 12 assists to lead the Broncos past the Terrapins. He also dribbled through the Maryland press time and time again, allowing Santa Clara to set up its half-court offense.

The Broncos advanced to a second-round showdown with #2-seed Kansas. Despite their #2 seeding, the Jayhawks are considered the West Regional favorites over controversial #1 Purdue, and they started their road to the Final Four on Friday with a 92-54 rout of #15 South Carolina State. (#1-seed Purdue struggled past #16 Western Carolina, 73-71, the previous day.)

Also in the West, #3 Arizona silenced any thoughts #14 Valparaiso might have of a Cinderella story. The Wildcats trounced the first-time tourney vistors, 90-51.

Arizona will take on #6 Iowa in the second round. The Hawkeyes, who picked by many in the *LR Times* pool to lose to #11 George Washington, came back from a 73-56 deficit and beat the Colonials 81-79 on two free throws with three seconds left by Russ Millard.

### No surprises back east: G'town, NM, Tech, UNC

East In the East Regional on Friday, there were no Cinderella stories or colossal upsets.

Everything went just about according to plan.

#2 Georgetown, a fashionable Final Four pick over topseeded and top-ranked UMass, continued the Big East conference's undefeated record with 93-56 trampling of #15 Mississippi Valley State.

The Hoyas will face the #7 New Mexico Lobos, who had little trouble beating #10 Kansas State, 69-48.

#3 Texas Tech escaped a tenacious Northern Illinois team, seeded #14, which staged a late rally. Tech's 74-73 win extended their nation's-longest 22-game win streak.

They'll face #6 North Carolina, 83-62 winners over #11 New Orleans.

### Louisville wins in OT; Texas upsets Michigan

After pulling off upsets the last two Midwest years to reach the Sweet Sixteen, #11-seed Tulsa fell short of the second round this time, losing 82-80 to the #6-seeded Louisville Cardinals in overtime.

With 3:41 left in regulation, Tulsa led 69-57. But the Cardinals went on a 13-1 run to tie the game and send it to overtime at 70-70.

In OT, Tulsa took a 77-75 lead with 1:07 left on a three-pointer by Cordell Love. But DeJaun Wheat (33 points) hit a three-pointer with 47 seconds to go and the first of two free-throws with 20 ticks on the clock to put Louisville ahead to stay, 79-77.

The missed free-throw went out of bounds off a Tulsa player, and Louisville got the ball back. The Cardinals' Tick Rogers was fouled with 15 seconds left. He hit one of two shots for an 80-77 lead.

Tulsa failed to tie the game with a three-pointer; Rogers was fouled again and hit two free throws for a five-point lead, 82-77. Love's three-pointer at the buzzer for Tulsa accounted for the final score.

Also in the Midwest on Friday, #3 Villanova avoided another early exit (they lost to #14 Old Dominion in triple-overtime last year). The Wildcats led by as many as 44 points (75-31 with 11:50 left) on the way to a 92-58 romp over #14 Portland.

As predicted by many NHS students in the *Times* NCAA pool, #10 Texas upset #7 Michigan, 80-76, and advanced to face #2 Wake Forest, 62-50 winners over #15 Northeast Louisiana also on Friday.

### BC upsets Indiana, again; Temple wins

Just like they did three years ago in the Sweet 16, Boston College, now a #11-seed instead of #9, upset Indiana, now #6 instead of #5, 64-51. The Eagles, who defeated #1 North Carolina and Indiana in 1994, scored this year's game's last ten points.

They advanced to play #3 Georgia Tech, which beat #14 Austin Peay 90-79.

Also in the Southeast Thursday, #7 Temple defeated #10 Oklahoma 61-43 by ending the game on a 22-6 run. The Owls will face #2 Cincinnati, which escaped from #15 UNC-Greensboro, 66-61.

### 2nd round games in men's tournament

### This time, Purdue can't escape it: They're out

After surviving the scare of the century from a weak #16-seeded Western Carolina team, the #1-seed Purdue Boilermakers finally got themselves into a mess they couldn't wiggle out of.

The Boilermakers, who were a controversial #1-seed from the moment the seedings were announced, and became even more so when they nearly became the first #1 ever to lose to a #16, were eliminated by the #8-seeded Bulldogs of Georgia, 76-69, on Saturday.

After leading 24-20 with 11:31 to go in the first half, Purdue went nearly nine minutes without a field goal. When their icy shooting streak was over, Georgia led 40-26. Purdue never got closer than five after that.

Also Saturday, Syracuse ended the Cinderella run of #12-seed Drexel, which had stunned #5 Memphis on Thursday. Syracuse defeated Drexel, 69-68.

On Sunday, #2-seed Kansas, now the top seed in the West with #1 Purdue gone, trounced another Cinderella, #10 Santa Clara, 76-51. In the Sweet Sixteen, they will face #3 Arizona, which handily defeated #6 Iowa, 87-73.

### Louisville upsets Villanova

Midwest

Okay, so maybe the curse isn't broken.

Last year, as a #3-seed just like they were this year, the Villanova Wildcats lost

in triple-overtime to #14 Old Dominion. But when they defeated #14 Portland 94-58 on Friday, they thought they had escaped their early-round problems.

Not so. Villanova, which had their sights set on the Final Four this time, lost in the second round to #6 Louisville, 68-64

"I expected to get back into the tournament and make things happen. I'm just disappointed, that's all," said Wildcat senior All-American Kerry Kittles.

They will play #2 Wake Forest in the Sweet Sixteen. Wake defeated #10 Texas, but they had to rally from a 10-point halftime deficit with center Tim Duncan not at 100% thanks to a stomach virus. The Deacons pulled out the victory, however, 65-62.

Earlier, on Saturday, #1 Kentucky easily defeated the #9 Virginia Tech Hoakies, 84-60.

They will advance to play Utah. The #4 Utes, fresh off their rout of #13 Canisius, beat #5 Iowa State 73-67.

(For other Southeast Regional action, please see "Men's team reaches Sweet Sixteen with wins over Colgate, EMU" starting on page 1.)

### Razorbacks are back, and in Sweet Sixteen

A lot of people thought that Arkansas shouldn't make it into the tournament this year. But the 18-10 Razorbacks got in, perhaps partly because of their winning tradition.

East Arkansas, the #12-seed in the East, past a #5-seed and #4-seed, and into a Thursday matchup with the best team in the land.

As the Associated Press said in their article about the Razorbacks' surprising success, "a rebuilding year for Arkansas is way ahead of schedule."

Arkansas defeated Marquette, a team which some had predicted would challenge top-ranked UMass in the Sweet Sixteen, 65-56. Four Arkansas freshmen had big games to help the Razorbacks, and Marquette hurt their own cause by shooting a season-low 27%.

Arkansas will play in the Sweet Sixteen against #1 UMass, which defeated #9 Stanford, 79-74. The Minutemen led only 33-31 at halftime, but seemed to take control when they went ahead 66-53 with 7:06 left in the game. Stanford, however, came back with a 13-4 run to bring them within four. A three-pointer with 1:55 left by Cardinal Peter Sauer made it 73-71 UMass.

After a two-pointer with Marcus Camby made it 75-71, Stanford's Dion Cross hit a three to cut it to 75-74. Donta Bright's jumper from the foul line brought it back to a three-point lead for UMass.

A three-point attempt by Peter Sauer wasn't even close, and Camby hit two free throws to close out the game with a five-point win for UMass.

On Sunday, #2 Georgetown came back from a 35-32 halftime deficit, as they switched from a zone defense to man-to-man and won, 73-62 over #7 New Mexico.

The Lobos' 11-game winning streak was ended with the loss. Clayton Shields led them with 19 points. Georgetown was led by a game-high 25 points for Allen Iverson, 19 in the second half.

In the Sweet Sixteen, they will play #3 Texas Tech, which pulled away from #6 North Carolina with a 10-0 run after the game was tied 16-16 with 12:06 left in the first half.

Something else happened when the game was tied at 16-all: Texas Tech player Darvin Ham's slam dunk shattered the backboard, delaying the game for 26 minutes so the basket could be replaced and the floor cleaned.

### Ruggiero leads *Times* moneyless NCAA pool

### Rudolph second, Stigliano third

Math teacher Lou Ruggiero took a substantial lead over two of his freshman geometry students, Bryan Rudolph and Todd Stigliano, in the *Living Room Times*'s "moneyless" NCAA pool.

Ruggiero went 28-4 in predicting the 32 first-round games, with five points awarded for each correct prediction. He was 12-4 in the second round, where each of the 16 games is worth seven. It adds up to 224 points, thirteen more than Rudolph and fifteen ahead of Stigliano.

Predictions for who makes the Elite Eight are worth 10 points each; Picks for who makes the Final Four are 15 apiece; Final Four winners are worth 20 each; correctly predicting the champion gives you 25.

The winner of the pool does not get any money. The prize is simply notoriety, congratulations, and a spot in The Living Room Times.

<u>Living Room</u> <u>Times NCAA</u> moneyless pool	ROUND 1 5 points per prediction	ROUND 2 7 points per prediction	<b>TOTAL</b>
Lou Ruggiero	140 pts (28-4)	•	224 pts (40-8)
Bryan Rudolph	120 pts (24-8)	91 pts (13-3)	211 pts (37-11)
Todd Stigliano	125 pts (25-7)	84 pts (12-4)	209 pts (37-11)
Sandy Pilz	130 pts (26-6)	77 pts (11-5)	207 pts (37-11)
t—Claudio Gualtieri	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	204 pts (36-12)
t—Matt Kagan	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	204 pts (36-12)
x—Bob Struzenski	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	204 pts (36-12)
Shaun Sullivan	120 pts (24-8)	84 pts (12-4)	204 pts (36-12)
x—Justin Gerace	115 pts (23-9)	84 pts (12-4)	199 pts (35-13)
x—Matt Dusel	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	197 pts (35-13)
x—Bill Kenny	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	197 pts (35-13)
x—Travis Meyer	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	197 pts (35-13)
Joey Ploszay	120 pts (24-8)	77 pts (11-5)	197 pts (35-13)
Kate Harbeson	110 pts (22-10)	84 pts (12-4)	194 pts (34-14)
Steve Santos	115 pts (23-9)	77 pts (11-5)	192 pts (34-14)
x—Brendan Loy	110 pts (22-10)	70 pts (10-6)	180 pts (32-16)
x—Dan Stoddard	110 pts (22-10)	70 pts (10-6)	180 pts (32-16)
AVERAGE		80.3 points (11.47 - 4.53)	200 points (35.41 - 12.59)

**x-**cannot possibly win pool

**t-**cannot possibly win pool but could still tie for first

### The pool leaders' picks for who will make the Elite 8, Final 4, Title Game, and who will be the national champion:

#### Mr. Ruggiero:



#### For Todd to beat Bryan and Ruggiero:

Georgia Tech must beat Cincinnati Georgia must beat Syracuse UConn must reach the title game

### UConn men, women are both halfway to the promised land

Two games down, two to go on the road to the Final Four

### For women, no challenges yet

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The UConn women breezed through the first round of the NCAA tournament with a 31-point win over Howard, 94-63. They were led by 17 points each for Jen Rizzotti and Kara Wolters. UConn forced 34 turnovers.

"I was very pleased with the energy and emotion we came out with," coach Geno Auriemma said of the Huskies, who had not played for 10 days before Saturday's blowout.

Monday night, UConn had little trouble handling the #9-seeded Michigan State Spartans, winning 88-68.

I say "little" trouble, because the Spartans did make things interesting early in the game. At one point in the first half, they led 19-18, but Nykesha Sales hit a three-pointer that started a 9-2 UConn run, giving them the lead for good at 27-21.

It was the last home game ever for Jamelle Elliott, Jen Rizzotti, and Kim Better. The fans gave them a standing ovation during the final two minutes of the game, then chanted "Jen, Jen, Jen" after the game, which caused all three seniors to come back out of the locker room tunnel, holding hands, circling around the court and waving to the crowd while the band played the Huskies' fight song.

UConn's next game will be at Rosemont, Illinois, in a Mideast Regional Semifinal against #12-seed San Fransisco, which upset #5 Florida and #4 Duke.

Right:
Jen
Rizzotti
hugs
Jamelle
Elliott.
Far
Right:
Doron
Sheffer
shoots
over Earl
Boykins.



### Men escape scare from E. Michigan

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You'd be surprised.

And you'd be wrong.

Although UConn's first-round margin was only nine points, the win was never really in doubt. And although the Huskies' second-round margin was fourteen, the game was a real battle.

On Thursday, under the watchful eyes of Newington High School, the top-seeded UConn men defeated #16-seed Colgate by nine points, 68-59. They led by 17 at halftime, but led the lead slip away in the second half. The Red Raiders were never closer than nine, however.

"We stunk," said NHS Doran House Vice Principal Donald King, referring to the fact that UConn only won by nine.

Much of the high school was watching the Huskies. Many teachers had classroom televisions tuned to CBS for the big game (please see pictures from Mrs. Norby's class on page 1 and page 10), and some students listened to the game on their walkmans or watched it on their portable TV's, while teachers looked the other way—or asked what the latest score was!

The big story of the Colgate game was the injury to Husky guard Ricky Moore in the first half. Moore was sidelined for the rest of the Colgate game, and missed the second round as well.

That second-round game was against #9 Eastern Michigan, which defeated #8 Duke 75-60 on Thursday behind 23 points from Earl Boykins.

When UConn played EMU on Saturday, the Huskies trailed by 13 points early, basically because Eastern Michigan was hitting every shot they took. But despite Brian Tolbert's game-high 36 points, the Huskies put on a magnificent comeback and defeated EMU, 95-81.

The Huskies were led by Doron Sheffer's 27 points and Ray Allen's 25.

UConn will play Mississippi State in the Sweet Sixteen on Friday. The #5-seeded Bulldogs advanced with a 63-41 win which ended #13-seed Princeton's season and Pete Carril's coaching career.

### TOP TEN OTHER CITIES' NEW SLOGANS

#### 10. Mayor Jerry Abramson --Louisville, Kentucky:

"We've got bourbon that'll knock you on your butt!"

### 9. Mayor Frank Jordan -- San Francisco, California:

"In San Francisco you lose your heart, in New York you lose your wallet!"

- 8. Mayor DeeDee Corradini -- Salt Lake City, Utah: "Could we interest you in some salt?"
- 7. Mayor Jack Gair-a-dee -- Spokane (Spo-CAN),
  Washington: "If you sell it

**Washington:** "If you call it Spo-KAIN, we'll smack you with a pine tree!"

### 6. Mayor Seymour Gelber -- Miami Beach, Florida:

"Where it never gets as cold as the Ed Sullivan Theater!"

### 5. Mayor Steve Bartlett -- Dallas, Texas:

"Dallas, starts with a Big D just like Dave and Dr. Pepper!"

### 4. Mayor Vera Katz -- Portland, Oregon:

"Somewhere between California and Washington, that's where you'll find us!"

- 3. Fake Mayor Sirajul Islam
- -- Trenton, New Jersey:

"We've got Mujibur!"

#### 2. Mayor Richard Reardon --Los Angeles, California:

"Floods, fires and fun!"

### 1. Mayor Freeman R. Bosley, Jr. -- St. Louis, Missouri:

"Kiss our arch!"

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## TOP TEN THINGS TO DO IN NEW YORK DURING A BLIZZARD

- **10.** Hand out thermal turbans to cab drivers
- **9.** Visit Times Square's new outdoor strip club: "Chapped Laps"
- **8.** Hook up team of rats and start your own Iditarod
- **7.** During high winds, spit off the Empire State Building and try to nail someone in Newark
- **6.** As a goodwill gesture, go down to Times Square and offer to de-ice a hooker
- **5.** Play prank on crackhead by selling him a vial of snow
- **4.** Walk in front of CBS, slip on the ice, and sue! sue! sue!
- **3.** Throw snowballs at an archery target
- **2.** Stay home and fax people the finger
- **1.** Walk through Times Square with a sign around neck that says, "Plow me!"

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# TOP TEN QUESTIONS ASKED BY TOURISTS VISITING NEW YORK CITY

**10. Jaine from South Dakota:** "Does it always smell like this?"

### 9. Jon and Nancy from Massachusetts:

"Do you think we'll ever see our luggage again?"

#### 8. Paul form Florida:

"Which way to the emergency room?"

#### 7. Stu from Illinois:

"Five bucks for a lousy cup of coffee?"

#### 6. Martin from Alabama:

"Who's that gap-toothed fella with the world-famous Paul Shaffer?"

#### 5. Julie from Maine:

"How do I get to Seinfeld's apartment?"

#### 4. Judith from California:

"What's with Mayor Giuliani's hair?"

#### 3. Lou from New Mexico:

"Is it true that the hot dogs in New York explode?"

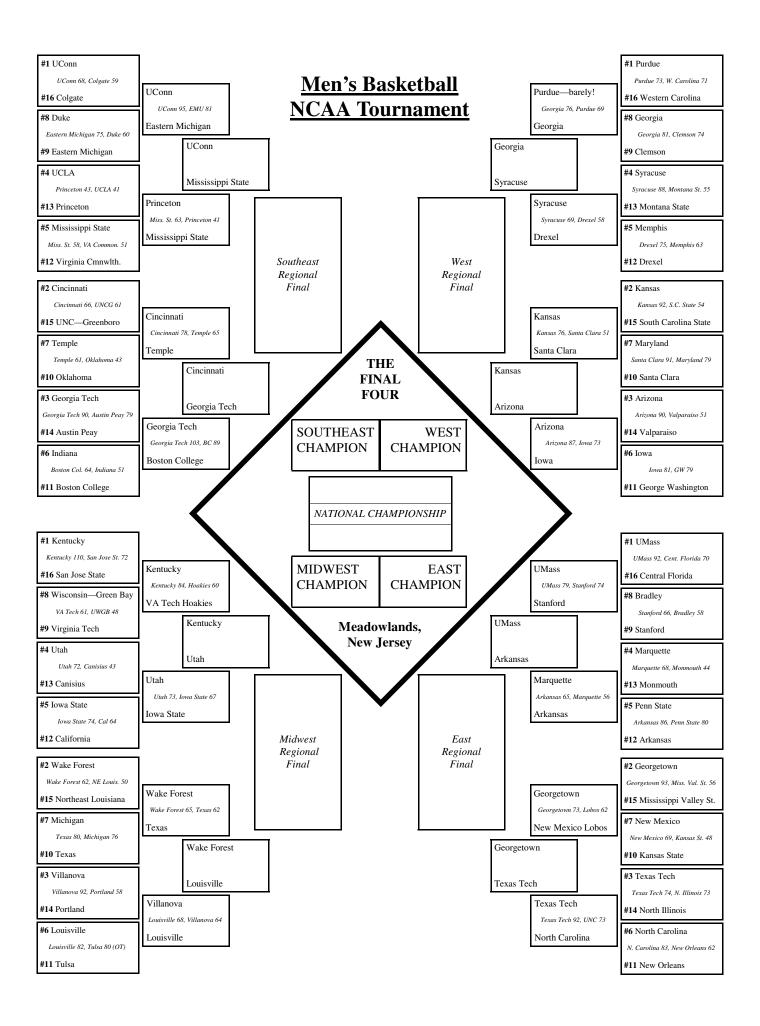
### 2. Craig from Pennsylvania:

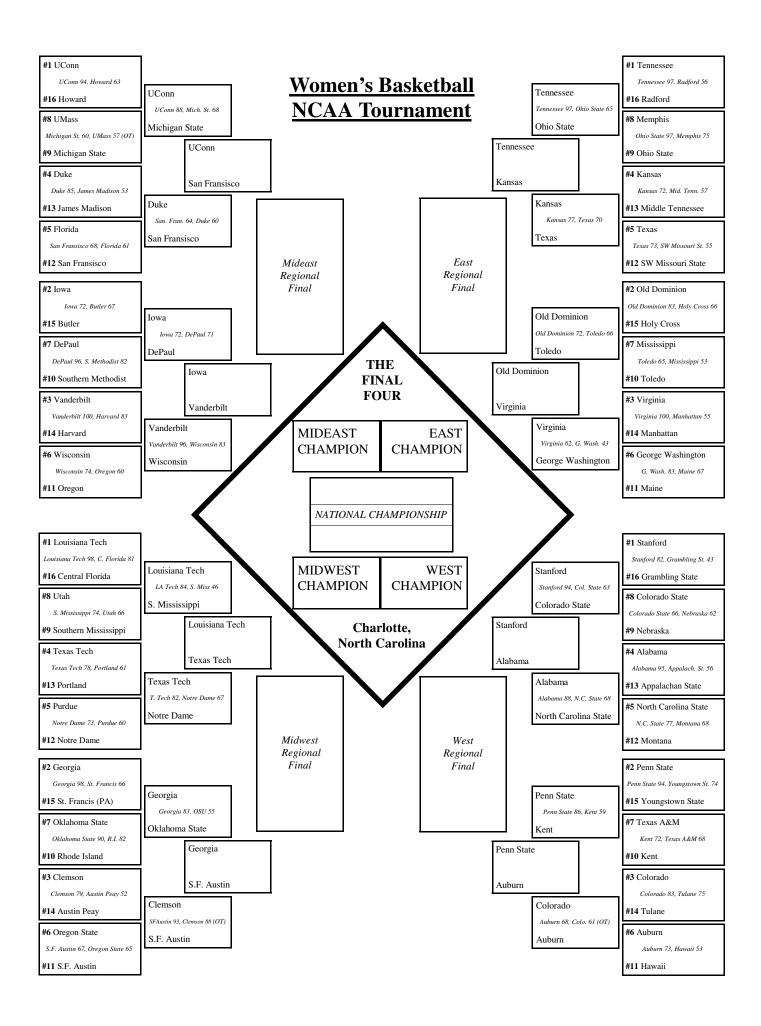
"Which way to the hookers?"

#### 1. Ed from Nevada:

"Go what myself?"

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