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## BRACKETOLOGY UPDATE

It's Thursday, also known as the day you will officially start fretting about your NCAA men's basketball bracket again. While our hope is that you will just sit back and enjoy the games tonight through Sunday, as teams are reduced from 16 to four, we know it's not likely. So we've put together a little good cop-bad cop to hopefully both tear you down and build you back up.

The following is a partial list of an analysis conducted by ESPN.com pertaining to the more than 3.3 million entries received in its Men's Tournament Challenge:

### You could be doing better ...

- Though there are zero perfect brackets remaining, 45 brackets have correctly picked the final 16 teams (meaning, we imagine, some people missed on at least one first-round game but still had the right winner advancing to the Sweet 16). In other words, that's pretty sweet. In addition, 1,514 brackets have 15 of 16 teams remaining.
- 1,484,063 brackets still have all their Final Four teams alive. That's close to half. So if you don't have all four in whatever pool you're in, you're probably losing. It's just that simple. You probably did something foolish like picking Wisconsin -- same as the 71,764 people who chose the Badgers to win the NCAA title.
- 255,205 brackets have a Final Four consisting of all the No. 1 seeds. It would have been the safe, though boring, choice -- at least so far.

### You could be doing worse ...

- 5,404 brackets do not have any teams remaining. Zero. Zip. These

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people had to have been trying to fail, right? Either that, or they copied large portions of my bracket. Ugh.

- 211 people picked Belmont to win the national title. You might have noticed Belmont lost 78-44 in the first round to UCLA, which puts it about as far away from winning a championship as possible.
- 29 brackets predicted a Final Four of USC, Oregon, Southern Illinois and Texas A&M. Sorry, that's just not going to happen.

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