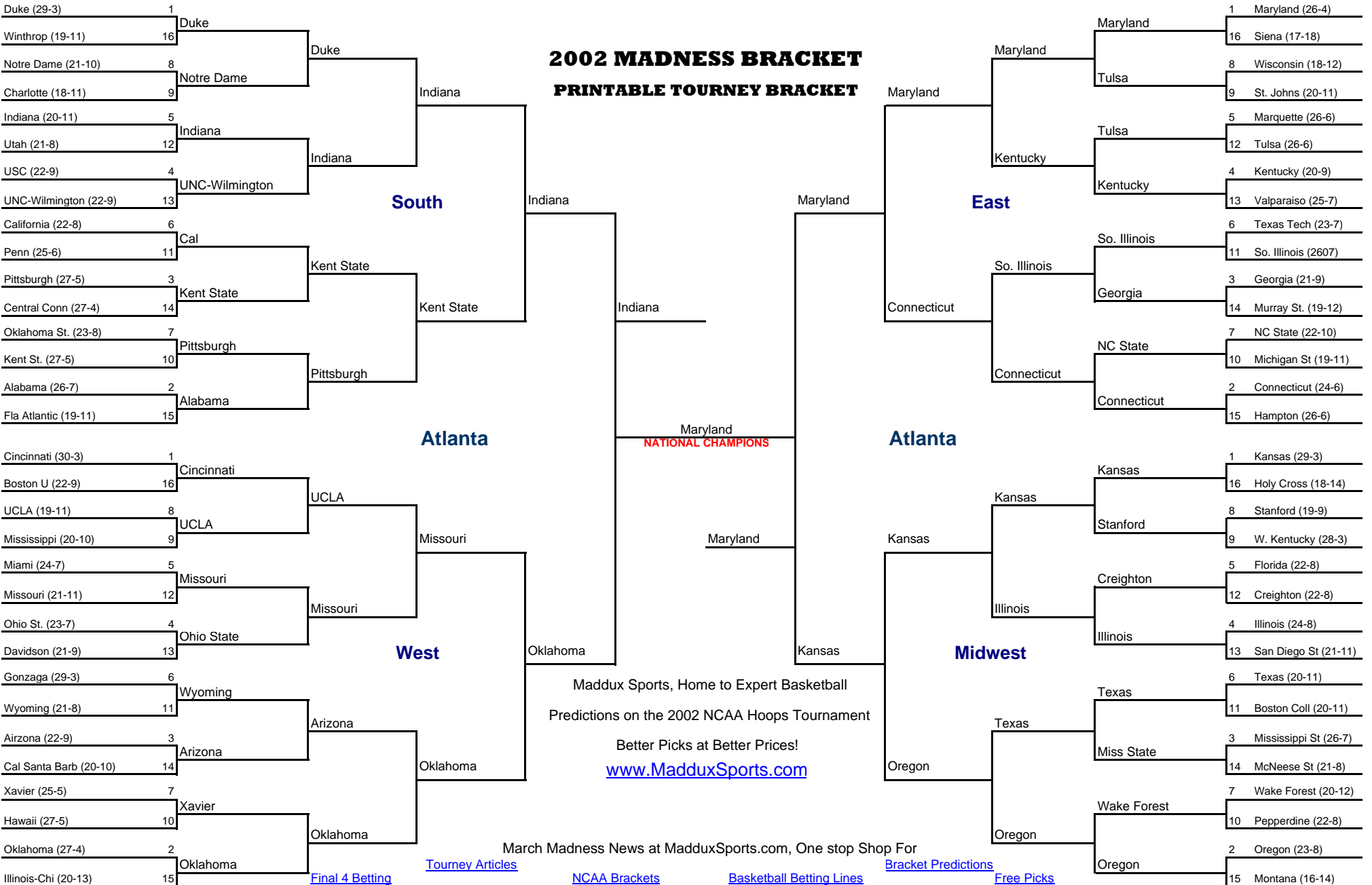




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2002 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

The heavily favored first seed in the East, the Maryland Terrapins, beat the fifth seed in the South, Indiana Hoosiers, 64 – 52 to win and cover the [betting spread](#) in the 2002 national championship game. The Terrapins led throughout most of the game, except when Indiana took the lead 44- 42 at about halfway through the second half. A moment that worried Maddux Sports [college basketball pick](#) cliental as we released Maryland -7 for 3 units on game day. That lead and client apprehension lasted less than a minute as Maryland senior Juan Dixon helped generate a 22- 8 run to secure the victory and the final four's outstanding player designation.

Maryland dominated the 2002 tournament, including scoring a 90- 82 victory over the Connecticut Huskies in the Elite Eight and a 97- 88 beating of the Kansas Jayhawks in the semifinals. Coach Gary Williams, a Maryland alum, finally won the grand prize in his 24th season as a head coach.

It was the first year we released [march madness bracket predictions](#) to visitors of the site for a small fee. With the exception of Indiana (an upset pick very few if any had), we correctly predicted the remaining 3 final four teams, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Maryland, who we correctly forecasted to win the 2002 title.

The Hoosiers were the surprise team and bracket buster in March Madness, managing to knock off superior opponents with their hot 3-point shooting. Against Maryland, Indiana's downtown accuracy went south. It was the Terps first national championship.