

Thanks for your purchase of our 2010 March Madness Bracket Predictions. We ask that all of you take a minute and read the text before you scroll down to the predictions. As we have done the last 6 years we have 3 different sets of predictions. The reason for this is all summarized in our tournament strategy below.

As you know different pools have different scoring systems and some are much bigger than others. 99% of pools use an upward point system per round and don't give you extra points for upsets. No matter if your pool is between only 2 people or 1 million we have outlined different strategies to help all players alike. We have had a very good success rate in our pool strategy and feel these 3 models are the strongest systems out there to help you win your office pool.

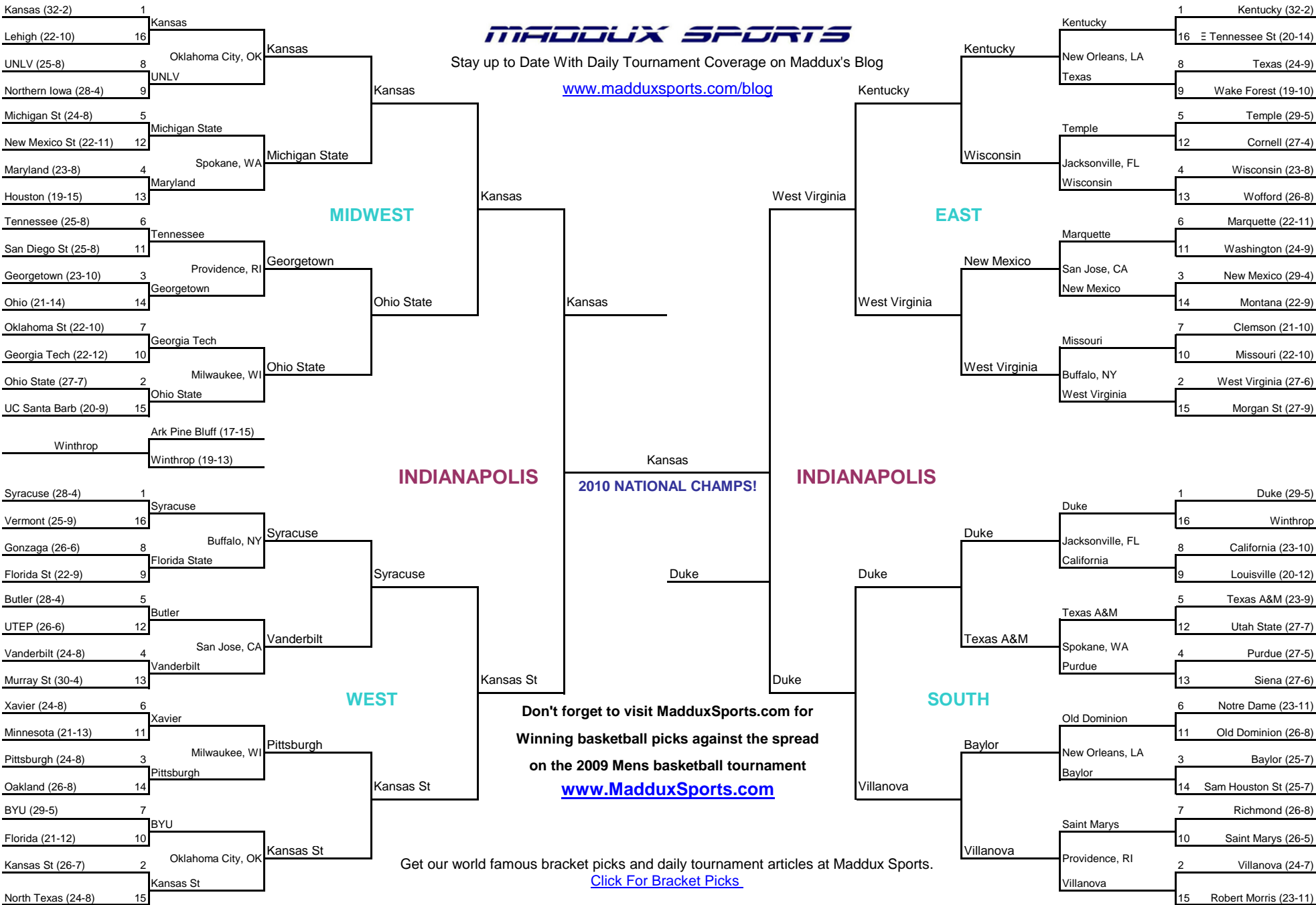
The first bracket we have posted is typically for pools of around 25 entries or fewer. In smaller pools like this you want to take the better team throughout the bracket. This is a pretty simple strategy but if you take all the favorites the entire way you will take full advantage of your probability to win your pool. Now when we say the better team, this always doesn't mean taking the lower seed, but in terms of the point spread, as you will see below in our first bracket there are higher seeds that we are picking over the lower ones. Because these predictions are hypothetical our expert opinion is able to figure out who the favorite and better team would be after the first round plays out as the teams move on. By doing this you are in essence taking the teams with highest statistical winning percentage for each game and will be able to get an advantage over the people that just pick the higher seed.

The reason we use this strategy for small pools of 25 or fewer is pretty simple. Of course all the favorites are not going to win, that is what makes march madness so exciting, but predicting the upsets is so complex. The reward of predicting an upset is just not worth the risk of losing out on quality teams that could make it deep into the tournament. This is a boring strategy but for small pools of 25 players or less this is a very effective way to win your pool. We would estimate about 25% of office pools are this size.

Bracket #1 (Recommended For Pools of 2-25 Players)

# MADDUX SPORTS 2010 PRINTABLE NCAA TOURNAMENT BRACKET

First Round March 18,19	Second Round March 20,21	Sweet 16 March 25,26	Elite 8 March 27,28	Final Four April 3th	National Championship Apr 5th	Final Four April 3th	Elite 8 March 27,28	Sweet 16 March 25,26	Second Round March 20,21	First Round March 18,19
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The second bracket strategy is very similar to the first one. This Bracket is for slightly bigger pools where there are anywhere from 26-75 players in the pool. Here we still use the basic strategy of taking the better and favored teams the entire way but instead of picking a clear #1 seed to win it all, we take in our estimation the strongest #2 seed to win it all. Now someone else may also take the same #2 seed to win it all in your pool, but someone picking a #2 seed is likely picking crazy upsets along the way, and your bracket with the stronger teams winning in the early rounds will secure victory over that guy picking all the upsets.

For this bracket we are going to use West Virginia to win it all. The Mountaineers are very well coached, play a great half court game, and are playing their best basketball coming into the tournament. They also get the weakest number 1 seed in our opinion (Kentucky) in their bracket. Kentucky is very young and frankly got screwed by the selection committee. It wouldn't surprise us if a potential matchup against a much underrated Texas team in round 2 knocks them out. If they get into the sweet 16 they will likely be up against one of the 2 smartest coached teams in the tournament in Temple or Wisconsin. Both of these teams play a great half court game which will give a young team like Kentucky fits.

Meanwhile West Virginia on their way to the elite 8 has a much easier road and frankly will be going up against some real bone head coaches that don't understand how to win a half court game. West Virginia will be playing with a chip on their shoulder after thinking they should have received a #1 seed after winning the Big East Tourney. In the sweet 16 if the seeds hold true to form they would also get the weakest #3 seed in the New Mexico Lobos. Overall statistically West Virginia has a great chance to reach the final four and from there anything can happen.

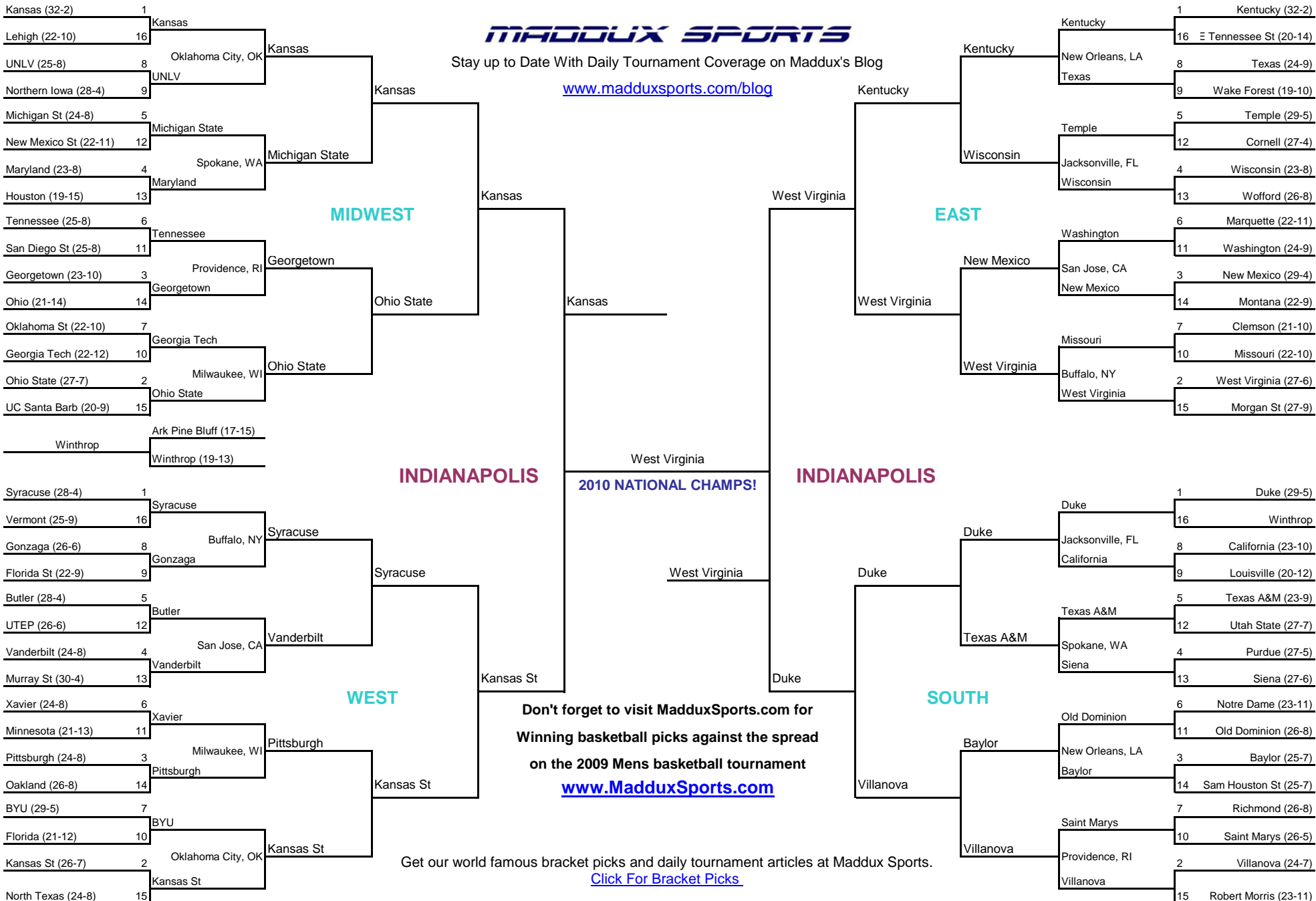
We also add in one or two small upsets in the first and second round, nothing crazy but probable teams that are only a couple points better than the other club and even if they do pull the upset will likely be done in the next round.

In our estimation 50% of office pools are this size and is our most popular bracket. If you are unable to find out how many people are in your office pool, using bracket #2 below would be your best option.

**Bracket #2 (Recommended For Pools of 26-75 Players)**

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The third bracket strategy is a mix of the first two strategies but we are taking one of the weaker number 2 seeds or a team in the 3-5 range to win it all. In addition we are following basic strategy taking the better teams the whole way while picking a few small first round upsets. Depending on how big your pool is how high your tournament seed should be. When you have somewhere in the 76-200 people in your pool picking a number 2 seed is fine, but if your pool has 10,000 entries picking at least a 3 seed is highly recommended. Again there could be another couple of players picking a 3 or 4 seed to win it all, but these players will also be picking a ton of upsets in the earlier rounds and your bracket will be more true to form so you win the pool.

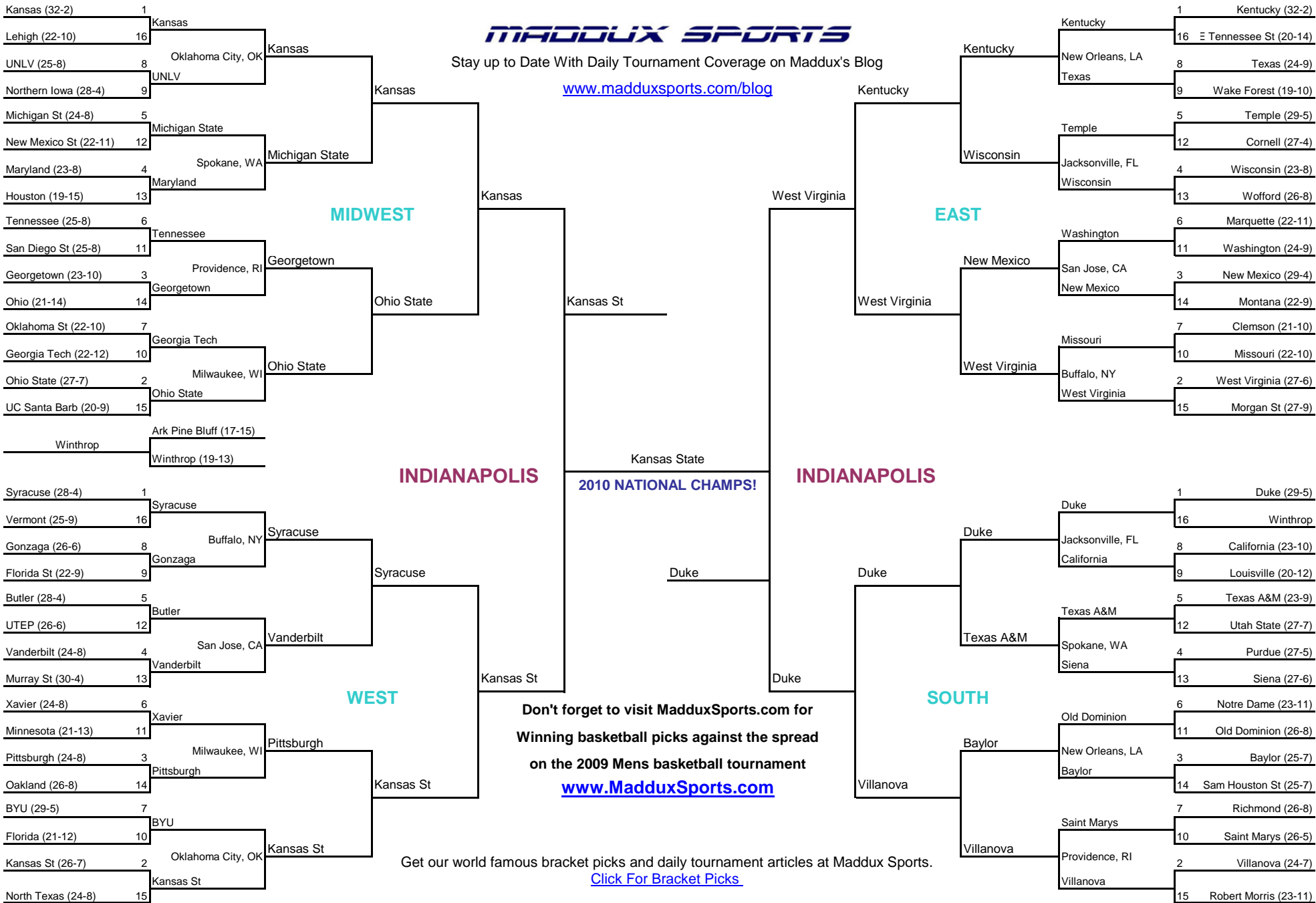
This season we are going to go with Kansas State as our weak #2 seed to win it all for the large pools. The Wildcats are very well coached, run great offensive sets, and do not give up an inch on the defensive end. They are long and athletic and will give the bigger teams fits. Kansas State fits the model of the typical great tournament team and could go very far. Just like Kentucky, the committee didn't do Syracuse any favors. A second round matchup against Gonzaga or Florida State could send the Orange home on the first weekend. The top half of the West bracket is loaded with well coached great defensive teams that will make it tough for Syracuse to advance to the final four whereas Kansas State has a relatively easy road to the elite 8.

Now if the pool is really big and you are looking for a seed in that 3-5 range. We would go with Wisconsin. The Badgers are in one of the weakest brackets and fit the typical mold of a good NCAA tournament type team. They are top 5 in the country in the field goal defense allowed, play a good half court game and have a tournament tested coach. They are also very fresh after exiting the Big Ten tournament early. As a dark horse the Badgers are a great pick.

Bracket #3 (Recommended For Pools of 76-1 Million Players)

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