

# Raymond's highly scientific predictions for the 2006 NCAA men's basketball tournament

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Methodology explained earlier. **Update:**

- Correct predictions are in green.
- Incorrect predictions are in red.
- (!) marks upsets correctly predicted.
- (\*) marks upsets predicted but did not take place.
- (x) marks actual upsets not predicted.

## Dayton mini-bracket

Monmouth (2003)	Hampton	
Hampton (1978)		

## Atlanta bracket

Duke (2004)	Duke	George (*) Washington	George Washington	George Washington
...				
Geo. Washington (1988)	George Washington			
UNC-Wilmington (2003)				
Syracuse (2004)	Syracuse (x)	Syracuse		
...				
LSU (2005)	LSU			
...				

West Virginia (1995)	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia
Southern Illinois (2001)			
Iowa (2003)	Iowa (x)		
...			
California (2003)	California (x)	California	
NC State (2005)			
Texas (2006)	Texas		
...			

**Oakland bracket**

Memphis (2001)	Memphis	Arkansas	Kansas	Kansas
...				
Arkansas (1997)	Arkansas (x)			
Bucknell (2004)				
Pittsburgh (1996)	Pittsburgh	Kansas		
...				
Kansas (1995)	Kansas (x)			
...				
Indiana (2003)	San Diego St. (*)	San Diego St.	Marquette	
San Diego St. (1996)				
Gonzaga (1998)	Gonzaga			
...				

Marquette (1995)	Marquette (x)	Marquette	
Alabama (2003)			
UCLA (1997)	UCLA		
...			

**Washington, D.C. bracket**

Connecticut (1996)	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	Seton Hall
...				
Kentucky (2001)	Kentucky			
UAB (2002)				
Washington (2004)	Washington	Washington (!)		
...				
Illinois (2005)	Illinois			
...				
Michigan State (2003)	George Mason (!)	George Mason (!)	Seton Hall	
George Mason (1996)				
North Carolina (2000)	North Carolina			
...				
Wichita State (1999)	Seton Hall (*)	Seton Hall		
Seton Hall (1995)				
Tennessee (2004)	Tennessee			
...				

**Minneapolis bracket**

Villanova (1988)	Villanova	Villanova	Villanova	Villanova
...				
Arizona (1997)	Arizona			
Wisconsin (2004)				
Nevada (2005)	Nevada (x)	Boston College		
...				
Boston College (1996)	Boston College			
...				
Oklahoma (1994)	Oklahoma (x)	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	
UW-Milwaukee (2003)				
Florida (2003)	Florida			
...				
Georgetown (2001)	Northern Iowa (*)	Northern Iowa		
Northern Iowa (1995)				
Ohio State (2002)	Ohio State			
...				

### Finals

George Washington (1988)	George Washington	George Washington
Kansas (1995)		
Seton Hall (1995)	Villanova	
Villanova (1988)		

As I noted yesterday, the final will be very close, with George Washington University edging out Villanova by two months, 1988.08.01 to 1988.10.05.

Other people have come up with their own systems. The person a few doors down from me chose an algorithm that can be captured in three words: “Shorter name wins”. But my favorite is somebody whose highly scientific method is “The team that pays its basketball coach more.”

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