

College Basketball Weekly - Sunday, March 13th, 2005
Selection Sunday Bracket Projections:
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Selection Sunday is here and we're only hours away from the field of 65 being revealed. Who do I think will be #1 seeds? What regional will they be in? And which bubble teams will find their way in and out? Say no more because all you need to know is right here.....

Chicago Regional:

#1 Illinois - Have become the sentimental pick following Bruce Weber's mom passing
#16 Montana - The 16-12 Big Sky Champs will be greeted by Illinois. Congratulations!

#5 Villanova - Got a wake-up call with the loss on Friday night to West Virginia.
#12 Northern Iowa - Will have trouble pounding it inside vs. Curtis Sumpter and gang.

#4 Florida - Know what happened to them last year and don't want a repeat performance.
#13 Buffalo - Bulls will battle tooth and nail, but are likely to come up short in round one.

#3 Arizona - Look for offensive threat Arizona in the Elite Eight down the road.
#14 Wisconsin-Milwaukee - Defense is the name of the game for them in this one.

#2 Duke - If they do get a #1 it will be the worst Duke team to get one in my opinion.
#15 UCF - Golden Knights need an up-tempo, frantic pace to stay in it vs. any #2.

Syracuse Regional:

#1 North Carolina - Loss to Ga. Tech brings concern to the talent laden Tar Heels.
#16 Oakland/Alabama St. - Tuesday's game will be their National Championship.

#5 Wisconsin - Will need more heroics from Alando Tucker to knock off Illinois Sunday.
#12 Old Dominion - Blaine Taylor's Monarchs are a potential Sweet 16 team for 2006.

#4 Gonzaga - Twosome of Adam Morrison and Ronny Turiaf is one to keep an eye on.
#13 Winthrop - Major stretch they get a #13 instead of 14 or 15, but are good enough.

#3 Boston College - BC better be careful or they could be done in the first round.
#14 Niagara - Believe it or not, Niagara is capable of pulling the upset.

#2 Oklahoma St. - Like Duke, the Cowboys have a shot to get a #1 with a win today.
#15 Eastern Kentucky - Big year for E. Kentucky as both the men and women go dancing.

Albuquerque Regional:

#1 Wake Forest - Personally believe Wake, not Kentucky could be in more trouble here.
#16 Delaware St. - Won a thriller in the MEAC title game. Don't see an upset, though.

#5 Michigan St. - No true point guard could or killer instinct can be trouble for MSU.

#12 Ohio - Bobcats feel very fortunate and elated to earn an automatic bid to the dance.

#4 Oklahoma - After losing to Texas Tech some may wonder how good OU really is.

#13 Pennsylvania - FG %, especially from the land of plenty could be the difference.

#3 Connecticut - Will only go far if they can improve shooting and turnover problems.

#14 Utah St. - Who would have thought they would beat Pacific like they did? Not me.

#2 Louisville - Doubtful they get a #1 seed, but they're a very sound #2 or #3 seed.

#15 Chattanooga - Better come to play with perimeter defense or they'll be routed.

Austin Regional:

#1 Kentucky - Wildcats ability to hold off LSU should earn them the #1 seed in Austin.

#16 Fairleigh Dickinson - Would not surprise me to see them in the play-in either.

#5 Alabama - Tide could see Syracuse for the second straight year later in the tourney.

#12 UTEP - Interesting matchup that may favor the upset minded Miners.

#4 Syracuse - Why does everyone have them so low? They're a big Final Four contender.

#13 UL Lafayette - Orangemen of Syracuse really get a break against a weaker 13 seed.

#3 Washington - Nobody that lacks a front-line wants to play Lorenzo Romar's Huskies.

#14 Bucknell -Outlasted Holy Cross in a very good Patriot league title earlier in the week.

#2 Kansas - Langford-less KU could be looking at a #3 seed with their recent downfall.

#15 Northwestern St. - Can hang with Kansas for a half then they are out of gas.

Want to know who I think will be in the 6-11, 7-10 and 8-9 games? E-mail me at hatfieldsports2k4@yahoo.com before 5:30 PM (EST) Sunday to find out.....