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FIRST FOUR	ROUND OF 64	ROUND OF 32	SWEET 16	ELITE EIGHT	FINAL FOUR	CHAMPIONSHIP
Mar 17-18	Mar 19-20	Mar 21-22	Mar 26-27	Mar 28-29	Apr 4	Apr 6

FIRST ROUND UPSETS	R32 UPSETS	S16+ UPSETS	CINDERELLA	CHAMPION
7	3	3	McNeese S16	ARIZONA

EAST

	ROUND OF 32	SWEET 16	ELITE EIGHT
1 Duke	1 Duke	1 Duke	1 Duke
16 Siena	9 TCU	5 St. John's	2 UConn UPSET
8 Ohio State	5 St. John's UPSET	3 Michigan St.	
9 TCU	4 Kansas	2 UConn	
5 St. John's	6 Louisville		
12 Northern Iowa	3 Michigan St.		
4 Kansas	10 UCF		
13 Cal Baptist	2 UConn		
6 Louisville			
11 South Florida			
3 Michigan St.			
14 N. Dakota St.			
7 UCLA			
10 UCF UPSET			
2 UConn			
15 Furman			

FINAL FOUR

2 UConn FF
1 Michigan

NATIONAL CHAMPION
ARIZONA
(1) West Region
Arizona 74 - UConn 68

1 Arizona
3 Illinois

CHAMPIONSHIP TOTAL
142

WEST

	ROUND OF 32	SWEET 16	ELITE EIGHT
1 Arizona	1 Arizona	1 Arizona	1 Arizona
16 Long Island	9 Utah State	4 Arkansas	3 Gonzaga
8 Villanova	12 High Point	3 Gonzaga UPSET	
9 Utah State UPSET	4 Arkansas	2 Purdue	
5 Wisconsin	6 BYU		
12 High Point UPSET	3 Gonzaga		
4 Arkansas	10 Missouri		
13 Hawai'i	2 Purdue		
6 BYU			
11 FF Winner			
3 Gonzaga			
14 Kennesaw St.			
7 Miami			
10 Missouri UPSET			
2 Purdue			
15 Queens			

SOUTH

	ROUND OF 32	SWEET 16	ELITE EIGHT
1 Florida	1 Florida	1 Florida	1 Florida
16 Lehigh/PV	9 Iowa	12 McNeese	3 Illinois UPSET
8 Clemson	12 McNeese RUN	3 Illinois UPSET	
9 Iowa UPSET	4 Nebraska	2 Houston	
5 Vanderbilt	11 VCU		
12 McNeese UPSET	3 Illinois		
4 Nebraska	10 Texas A&M		
13 Troy	2 Houston		
6 North Carolina			
11 VCU UPSET			
3 Illinois			
14 Penn			
7 Saint Mary's			
10 Texas A&M UPSET			
2 Houston			
15 Idaho			

KEY UPSET LOGIC

5v12 upset rate: 35.6%
7v10 upset rate: 38.8%
8v9 upset rate: 48.8%
6v11 upset rate: 36.9%
UConn: 2 titles (Hurley)
Illinois AdjOE: 131.2 (#1)
McNeese: 28-5 record
VCU: FF pedigree as 11

MIDWEST

	ROUND OF 32	SWEET 16	ELITE EIGHT
1 Michigan	1 Michigan	1 Michigan	1 Michigan
16 Howard/UMBC	9 Saint Louis	4 Alabama	2 Iowa State
8 Georgia	12 Akron	6 Tennessee UPSET	
9 Saint Louis UPSET	4 Alabama	2 Iowa State	
5 Texas Tech	6 Tennessee UPSET		
12 Akron UPSET	3 Virginia		
4 Alabama	10 Santa Clara		
13 Hofstra	2 Iowa State		
6 Tennessee			
11 FF Winner			
3 Virginia			
14 Wright State			
7 Kentucky			
10 Santa Clara UPSET			
2 Iowa State			
15 Tennessee St.			