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Six days and counting. Here's the way we're going to do it: On Monday the 10th, I'll pass around bracket sheets for everybody. Pick the winners of the first round, then second round, etc., until you get only one team left. (That's the easy part.) There are a total of 6 rounds, including the championship game. Here's the points system... we will award 1 point for every first round game picked correctly; 2 for each second round game; 4 for each third round game; 8 for any fourth round games; 16 for a fifth round game; and 32 points for picking the eventual champion correctly. In addition, we will reward those who have the guts to pick an upset and have it pay off. If you pick a lower seed to beat a higher seed and they do, you get a bonus equal to the differential between the two teams. For example, if you pick a #9 seed to beat a #8 seed and they do, you get a one point bonus. If you pick a #13 seed to beat a #4 seed and they do, you get a 9 point bonus. If a #10 beats a #7, you get 3; a #11 beating a #6 gets you 5, etc. . The winner is determined at the end by point total , NOT won-loss record. Anyone can pick 42 of 63 games correctly. The key is to pick the right teams to go far. So if I go 43-20 and score 102 points, and Manuel goes 40-23 but scored 106 points, he wins. Get it? Got it? Good. Here are a list of our participants so far (let me know if I've missed anyone): Christopher Manuel Michelle Jerrie Tim Joe M Christina Chet Phil Eric Tracy Brian I still am hoping that Kevin, Irene, Dave, David, Sydney and anybody else who wants in will play. Also, I thought that we might want to open it to close friends and/or significant others, so that we might be able to have a few more people. That way, I can brag about having won a pool consisting of 20 or 25 people instead of just the 12 we have now. Also, I am deeming it allowable to submit more than one bracket sheet, so that players can have one sheet where they chose with their heart and one where they chose with their head. Finally, see me personally about the "qualifications" for entering this pool.

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