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# March Machine Learning Mania 2015

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## Leaderboard

1. kymhorsell
2. 懂秋迪
3. Sheldon's Super Ultra Awesome Amazing Bracket
4. clustifier
5. jessej
6. jayb
7. TheKeymaker
8. Geoffrey Newman
9. anhol
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## Forum (19 topics)

Difference between the data sets and real statistics?  
42 minutes ago

JQAS papers based on last year's contest  
yesterday

EXTRA DATA - Game Flow Details  
yesterday

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## FAQs

### Is one tournament enough to decide the best basketball algorithm?

It's better to be lucky than good! Besides, when was the last time your office held a cross validation pool?

### Can I update my predictions after the tournament starts?

No changes are permitted once the tournament begins.

### How is the leaderboard going to work when the event being scored hasn't yet happened?

You won't submit after the tournament starts. We'll update the solution file as the games occur, which will cause the ranks on the leaderboard to change.

### Why do we have to predict every match up? Why 68 teams and not 64?

This was done for timing purposes. Predicting every possible matchup for the 68 teams announced on Selection Sunday gives participants the most time to get their 2015 predictions ready in time. There is a small "play-in" round, sometimes called the first round, where the 68 are narrowed to 64. While you are asked to predict these games (and you may be predicting them after they occur), we will not be scoring them.

### Why don't predictions in later rounds count for more?

While it is possible to weight the later games, we chose to keep scoring simple and count all games equally. Any weights we pick would be mostly arbitrary (how many first-round games is a championship game worth?). Also, weighting any game increases the role that luck plays in determining a winner. We've also structured the competition so that people can still be in the running even if there are early-round upsets.

### Can the results of an algorithm like this be used for sports betting?

Maybe, but that's not a goal of this competition. Kaggle claims no rights to the intellectual property developed by competitors. Have fun and learn. If you want to use the results to gamble, that's between you and your bookie and your local laws.

"Submission has been  
administratively invalidated"  
yesterday

Why " submit predicted  
probabilities for every possible  
matchup"  
yesterday

Release of up-to-date 2014-2015  
season data.  
2 days ago

teams

players

entries