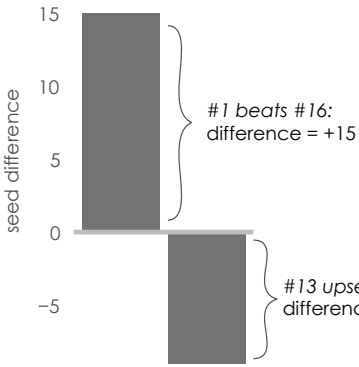


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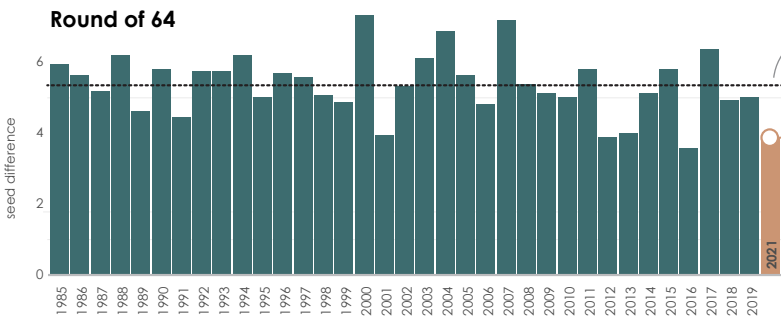


win-loss seed difference:

- bar height indicates the magnitude of the difference between the seeds of the winning and losing teams
- positive bars indicate the higher ranked team won
- negative bars indicate an upset (the lower ranked team won)

How do the first and second rounds of the **2021 NCAA tournament** compare to prior years?

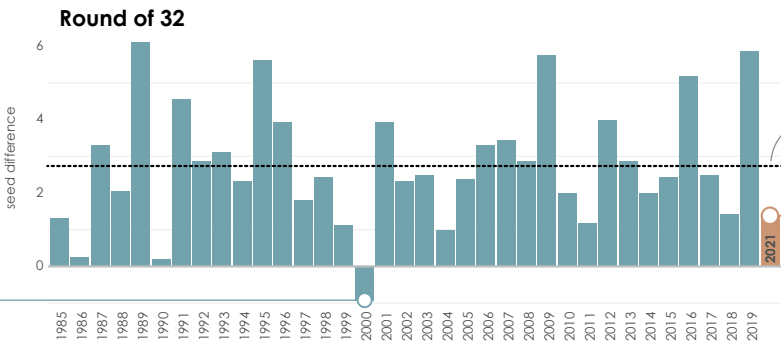
average seed difference in the first and second rounds each year 1985 - 2021



- the 2021 tournament showed lower than average win-loss seed differences, compared to long-term averages

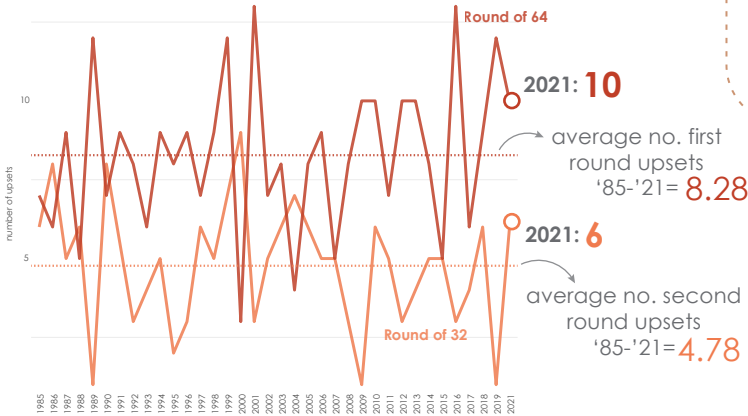
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this season was notable for upsets & had a net-negative seed difference in the second round. this indicates that on average, the winning team was one seed below the losing team



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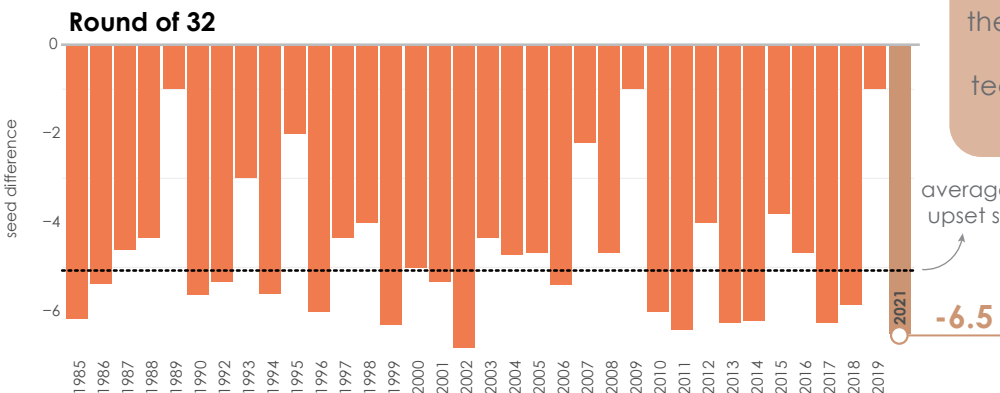
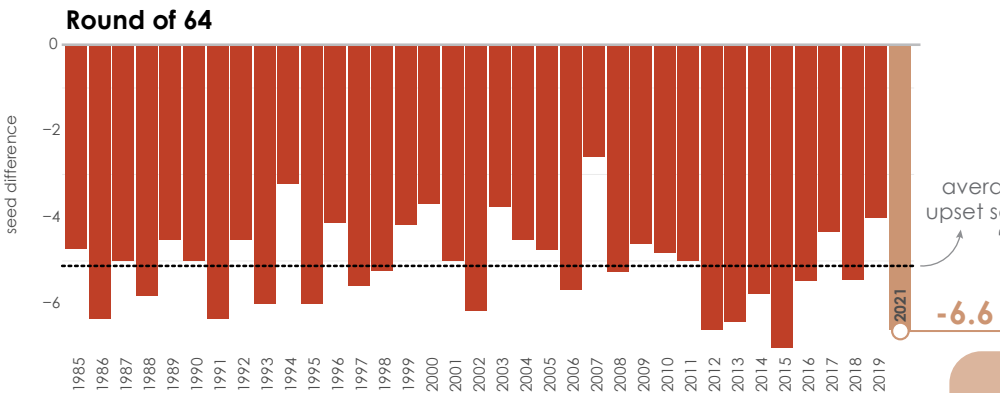
Is a lower than average **2021 NCAA tournament** win-loss seed difference explained by upsets?



number of upsets each year 1985 - 2021

- the 2021 tournament first and second rounds had more upsets than average

average seed difference in first & second round **upsets** each year 1985 - 2021



- the win-loss seed difference among upsets in the first and second rounds of the 2021 tournament indicated that, on average, upsets occurred between teams with larger difference in rankings, compared to historical averages