



## Turkey Pool Update The Sweet Sixteen Edition

The TurkeyMaster has gotten a couple emails questioning when the next Turkey Pool Update was coming out. Patience, my Pool of Poultry Participants! You would think I was being lumped in with all the superstar NBA basketball players “resting on the bench in preparation for the playoffs” despite drawing the ire of fans who spend \$100 for a ticket (or TV advertisers who pay millions of \$\$) just to have LeBron, Kyrie or Steph Curry sit out a game or two. Granted, I know you forked out \$5 for the Turkey Pool, but I guarantee it is a better value than any March or April NBA game (or maybe any NBA game, period) and the TurkeyMaster ain’t sitting on the bench!

As the cartoon suggests, Round Two exacted a measure of pain and devastation to quite a few brackets. A second round exit of last year’s National Champion tends to have that effect. The Big Ten regained a little swagger with Wisconsin’s vilification of Villanova and Michigan’s defeat of Slick Rick’s boys from Louisville! Oh and then there was South Carolina’s gamecocking of the Duke Blue Devils and Xavier’s victory over Florida State. Needless to say, only NINE of you still have all of your Final Four teams still in play: [KentReadKentWriteKentDance#1](#), [BigCountry](#), [AmericanGirl](#), [KoenigFor3](#), [ChuckBadger#1](#), [TurkeyFat](#), [TrypanasomaGambiense](#), [TheBrilliantDJT](#) and [GiauqueGent#2](#)! One hundred of you still have 75% of your Final Four teams still gobbling up points; 45 of you might as well have flipped a quarter based on your having lost 2 of your Final Four teams. The proverbial “Turds” are sinking to the bottom of the Pool a little earlier this year. Five Turkey Poolers only have one team left to root for in Round Four: aptly-named [FiascoMaster](#), [MasterofCatan](#) (obviously the only BRICKS this Pooler is a master of acquiring are those thrown up by his losing teams), [SuzyBelle](#) (AKA [SuzyLose-Y](#)), [WildCaiiit](#) (didn’t you ever learn “there is no I in team”...just as there is no \$\$ going to you!) and [CoachKAllday](#) (the only thing Coach K will be doing all day is watching the riveting CSPAN coverage of the investigation of the Russian influence on the Election). There is only ONE aforementioned Pooler who failed to have ANY Final Four pick survive the Second Round. You will find out which of the bottom-dwellers it is soon enough!

I do have to congratulate the 11 Poolers who correctly picked Wisconsin’s upset of Villanova (and scored the bonus 16 points): [TheBrilliantDJT](#), [007](#), [ThreeBALLs#3](#), [MarchSadness](#), [Dancing!Finally](#), [TheOtterLad14](#), [Gianiss4MVP](#), [ChuckBadger#1](#), [Koenigfor3](#), [TheJManCometh](#) and [KentReadKentWriteKentDance#1](#). There were only 8 prognosticators who were “COCKY” enough to choose South Carolina over Duke, so they deserve props and a bonus 7 points as well: [TheBrilliantDJT](#), [OneMoreYearTurkeyMaster](#), [FastAndEasy](#), [TrypanasomaGambiense](#), [GeorgeBurdell](#), [LibraryLady](#) and [KentReadKentWriteKentDance#2](#)!

I have asked Turkey Pool historian, **SmoothJimmyApollo** to look back in the 25 years of archives of the Turkey Pool and he tells me that never have we had a perfect Pooler picking all the games leading into the Round of the Sweet 16! Not until this year... **TheBrilliantDJT** has distinguished him/herself as the only person to gobble up every point available. As a result, **TheBrilliantDJT** leads the pack in both the Standings AND the next opportunity to take a stroll to the proverbial Feeding Trough! Remember 7% of the total purse will be awarded to the Pooler who collects the most cumulative points in Round 2 + Round 3! As of now here are the top five contenders and the points they have accumulated:

<u>Pooler</u>	<u>Points</u>
<b>TheBrilliantDJT</b>	318.59 points
<b>Catwoman</b>	237.59
<b>007</b>	233.06
<b>ThreeBALLs#3</b>	227.66
<b>GiaqueGent#2</b>	226.64

The point differential appears to be insurmountable, but stay tuned to see if **Catwoman** can scratch up more points in the Litter Box of Round 3 or if **007** is "licensed to win"!

Speaking of WINNING! Another \$25 has been awarded to the Pooler who is currently in 25<sup>th</sup> Place - **McCracken!!** Congratulations!

We had great participation in the Silver Anniversary Limerick Writing Contest with 11 entries! The TurkeyMaster reached out to 7 "seasoned" Turkeys (who did not personally enter nor had a family member who submitted an entry) to vote for their favorite Limerick and the Honorable Mention Limerick. The voting was fierce and as far as I can tell was NOT influenced by any foreign meddling. Of course I did not hear from 2 of my judges by publishing time, so here are the limericks and the winners as determined by our auspicious panel of literary Limerick lovers!

**A Kentuckian loves that girl from Nantucket  
But in March he pines for Blue buckets  
(Rules are PG-13  
We'd best keep it clean:)  
So cotton into her ears she will tuck it.**  
- JimmyChitwood

**Wit potty turmoil in Carolina  
Nix devils and heels to sur-viva  
Ask Dorothy where home?  
And Shockers do roam  
Where Cyclones do just-a-fine-a**  
- Sausage Boy

**The bowels of the great TurkeyMaster  
Were always a messy disaster  
But he got an idea  
Using verbal diarrhea  
And avoided a cleansing with castor**  
- TrypansomaGambiense

There once was a man from Kentucket  
And all he could do was to shuck it.  
His heart filled with fear,  
But then came the cheer.  
The next thing he knew it was bucket!  
- **HonestAndConfident**

Each year our brackets are set,  
on the teams who will best hit the net.  
Our hopes are so high,  
and turkeys don't fly,  
but this year mine's like a jet!  
- **ThinkwardsBacking**

**I am just a sad gal from Ohio  
Who kissed her Lincoln good-bye-o  
It's always bad luck  
To send off that buck  
And root for the teams from Carolin-o.**  
- **LibraryLady**

March Madness means we see Chuck  
Singing with friends in a truck  
Eating steaks on a plane  
He is clearly not vain  
But with every golf swing yells #\$\$!  
- **Dolla Dolla Billz Y'all**

**President Trump, a man of many riches,  
Who worries of wiretaps and snitches,  
The press thinks it's bull,  
His cabinet near full,  
With some lads who resemble Putin's Bitches.**  
- **ComradeTrumpski**

**There once was a master named Bowel.  
He ran a pool from atop a great wall.  
They thought he was Trump.  
He said, you can't make me jump.  
This wall is to keep in my fowl.**  
- **PatchesO'Houlihan**

### **Honorable Mention!!!**

There once was a guard from Duke,  
Who thought he was hot as a nuke.  
He called it a slip,  
But it was a trip  
And now he is known as a puke.

- GeorgeP.Burdell

### **THE WINNER!!!**

The month of March is a stressful time  
And then the TurkeyMaster makes us rhyme  
Bracket is about to fold  
Only chance to get the gold  
Is for the bird king to pick mine as most sublime.

- ACLNo.2

That's it for now, Turkey Poolers. Good luck when games resume on Thursday evening! Remember to drop those checks in the mail: John "TurkeyMaster" Weigand, 704 Newark-Granville Rd, Granville OH 43023 by FRIDAY!