

Yesterday brought back a long forgotten memory. When I turned on the TV to see which stations had which games it came back to me. I was 9. Back then we had the option of eating lunch (brought from home) in the cafeteria or going home for lunch. In the nicer weather months I usually went home. A short walk from the Linwood School in Emerson NJ for me. Under 10 mins.

One March day I arrived home to find my mom cussing at the TV. "Fxxxing Basketball" she cried! No sandwich or hot soup for Dom that day. Her beloved soap operas would start at noon on CBS every weekday. But not this day. I too was surprised to see basketball on TV on a Thursday afternoon. Not knowing anything about the game at the time. Not that I know much now.

The next day was the same. "When will this madness end" she screamed! An interesting choice of words. Thankfully, on Monday, for mom, the world once again spun on its axis as the soaps returned, and Dom got fed. Years later, I would come to hear the term "March Madness". Still a little naive, I was convinced my mother coined the phrase March Madness when I was 9. and the world followed her lead. Still not sure. . .

I didn't say it was a good memory. . . Anyway, here are today's lines. Check your TV Guide to see if your favorite soap has been preempted.

Kentucky 3 Santa Clara
Texas Tech 7 1/2 Akron
Arizona 30 1/2 LIU
Virginia 18 Wright St (who knows how Wright St got it's name)

Iowa St 24 1/2 Tennessee St
Alabama 11 1/2 Hofstra
Utah St 1 1/2 Villanova (hmmm... I may bet this one)
Tenn St 11 1/2 Miami (Ohio)

Iowa 1 Clemson
St Johns 9 1/2 Northern Iowa
UCLA 5 1/2 UCF
Purdue 25 1/2 Queens Univ (how does this team get in this thing)?

Florida 35 1/2 Prairie View (See above)
Kansas 14 California Baptist (See above-definitely betting this one)
U Conn 20 1/2 Furman
Miami 2 Missouri

Good Luck All