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BINDER UPDATE

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Rose charges ahead, nears record

Vasil falls to second in *LRT* women's pool after 1-for-4 day; Chokshi, Chow eliminated; men's leader Perkins could tie for first in women's

THE SCENARIOS

Jason Rose wins pool if: Purdue beats Louisiana Tech in the national semifinals Friday

Kristin Vasil wins pool if: Louisiana Tech beats Purdue and Duke beats Georgia in the national semifinals Friday; or, Louisiana Tech beats Purdue and Georgia beats Duke on Friday, then Georgia beats Louisiana Tech for national championship on Sunday

Kristin Vasil and Ms. Perkins finish tied for pool win if: Louisiana Tech beats Purdue and Georgia beats Duke in the national semifinals Friday, then Louisiana Tech beats Georgia for national championship on Sunday

FOR THE RECORD

Aiming for the all-time LRT pool points record of 358:

Record will be broken by one person if: Purdue beats Louisiana Tech but does not win the national championship; Rose will finish with 372 points.

Record will be broken by three people if: Purdue beats Louisiana Tech and wins the national championship; Rose will finish with 372 points, Chokshi with 367, and Chow with 360.

Record will not be broken if: Louisiana Tech beats Purdue.

NHS junior Kristin Vasil, who had sailed through the first three rounds of the women's NCAA tournament with a 51-5 prediction record in *The Living Room Times's* third annual moneyless NCAA women's pool, went 1-for-4 in the regional finals on Monday, and suddenly found herself out of first place and mathematically unable to break the *LRT's* all-time record for points in an NCAA pool—a record which she had seemed almost certain to break just a few days ago.

As Vasil faltered and fell, Jason Rose moved to the front, going 3-for-4 on the day and moving to within one successful pick — one Final Four win for Purdue, to be exact — of breaking that *LRT* record, which currently stands at 358.

In addition to hurting Vasil, Monday's games put a permanent end to the pool hopes of Bindee Chokshi and Dennis Chow. Chokshi, who had been in second place at the end of the Sweet Sixteen, was knocked out of contention and dropped to fourth when Georgia and Louisiana Tech both won. Chow, who had been in seventh place, remained in seventh but was eliminated from any change of winning when Duke stunned Tennessee.

With Chokshi and Chow out, Rose and Vasil are the only contestants left who can possibly win the pool outright, as outlined in the scenarios at top left. However, amazingly enough, teacher Christine Perkins—who leads the *LRT* men's pool—could rise from her current 15th-place position in the women's pool to tie Vasil for the win if everything goes just right for her, because unlike everyone above her, both of her finalists are still alive.

Most points in an *LRT* pool

358—Brendan Loy, 1997 women's pool
354—Lou Ruggiero, 1996 men's pool
352—Jason Rose, 1999 women's pool
344—Ms. Perkins, 1997 women's pool
337—Kristin Vasil, 1999 women's pool
334—Claudio Gualtieri, 1996 men's pool
 name in boldface = pool still in progress

<u>Current standings:</u> Top 16 out of 61	<u>Pts.</u> (max. 412)	<u>Best possible finish</u>	<u>Can break record of 358 pts.?</u>
1. Jason Rose	352	1st	yes (372)
2. Kristin Vasil	337	1st	no
3. Chris Manzione	325	2nd	no
4. Bindee Chokshi	322	2nd	yes (367)
5. Jeff Cultrera	320	4th	no
6. Justin Gerace	317	5th	no
7. Dennis Chow	315	3rd	yes (360)
8. Brian Newbold	312	8th	no
9. Ms. Mancini	302	9th	no
10. Kristina Polomsky	300	6th	no
11. Kevin Hauschulz	298	10th	no
12. Todd Stigliano	296	8th	no
13. Mrs. Norby	294	11th	no
14. Ben Fairclough	293	14th	no
15T. Ms. Perkins	292	1st (tied)	no
15T. Idalina Estanislau	292	11th (tied)	no

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The Living Room Times's third annual moneyless women's NCAA tournament pool

Standings after 60 games (end of Elite Eight)

Total possible points so far: 412

Scoring: 5-7-10-15-20-25, no upset points

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13.	Mrs. Norby	294
14.	Ben Fairclough	293
15.	Idalina Estanislau	292
	Ms. Perkins	292
17.	Jenn Castelhana	289
18.	Sara Rzeszutek	286
	Tim Stevens	286
20.	Beth Milewski	285
21.	Josh Rubin	269
22.	Sara Hamilton	264
23.	Stephanie Toohey	262
24.	Brendan Loy	259
	Joe DiNardi	259
26.	Claudio Gualtieri	253
27.	Brenden Roche	249
28.	Mrs. Stone	245
29.	Shaun Sullivan	239
30.	Jen Persaud	231
31.	Evelyn Ni	211
32.	Heather Weinberg	201
33.	Kimberly Stone	179