

# LIVING ROOM TIMES

## BINDER UPDATE

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### IT'S SCHULTZ Vs. EMERSON

Duke-UConn final will determine pool champ

Jamie Schultz's loyalties may be sorely tested this evening.

As virtually the entire state of Connecticut cheers on its favorite sons, the UConn Huskies, in tonight's men's national championship game, Schultz will be in a rather awkward position. In order for her to win *The Living Room Times's* fourth annual moneyless NCAA men's pool, Duke must beat UConn.

And although winning won't get her any money, Schultz has made it clear in recent days that she wants to win. Badly.

"I'm real excited that I still have a chance of winning the men's pool," Schultz wrote in the *LRT*-affiliated *NHS Life & Times* Internet message board

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#### 1999 LRT MEN'S MONEYLESS POOL

Results after 62 games—Top 12 out of 61

(Complete standings, page 2)

| Rank, name          | Pts. | If Duke wins | If UConn wins |
|---------------------|------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. Jamie Schultz    | 311  | 1st          | 6th           |
| 2. Ms. Perkins      | 299  | 13th         | 10th          |
| 3T. Nathan Emerson  | 296  | 14th (tied)  | 1st           |
| 3T. Mark Jordan     | 296  | 2nd          | 12th          |
| 5T. Sara Hamilton   | 293  | 17th (tied)  | 2nd (tied)    |
| 5T. Brendan Loy     | 293  | 17th (tied)  | 2nd (tied)    |
| 5T. Allyson Perlini | 293  | 17th (tied)  | 2nd (tied)    |
| 5T. Matt Kagan      | 293  | 3rd (tied)   | 14th (tied)   |
| 5T. Joe Ploszay     | 293  | 3rd (tied)   | 14th (tied)   |
| 10. Ben Fairclough  | 289  | 23rd (tied)  | 5th           |
| 11. Dennis Chow     | 286  | 5th          | 17th          |
| 12. Tim Stevens     | 283  | 6th          | 18th (tied)   |

### Rose wins pool, breaks record

Sets new mark with 372 points in women's contest; top three finishers all surpass old record

Jason Rose won the closest pool in *Living Room Times* history with the highest point total in *Living Room Times* history, finishing on top of a field whose top three contestants are also the three highest point-getters of all time on the *LRT* pool points leaderboard.



Rose, the winner of the third annual *LRT* moneyless NCAA

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#### MOST POINTS

##### ALL-TIME:

#### LRT pools, men's or women's, 1996-99

- 372—Jason Rose, 1999 women's pool
- 367—Dennis Chow, 1999 women's pool
- 360—Bindee Chokshi, 1999 women's pool
- 358—Brendan Loy, 1997 women's pool
- 354—Lou Ruggiero, 1996 men's pool
- 345—Chris Manzione, 1999 women's pool
- 344—Christine Perkins, 1997 women's pool
- 340—Jeff Cultrera, 1999 women's pool
- 337—Kristin Vasil and Justin Gerace (tied), 1999 women's pool
- 334—Claudio Gualtieri, 1996 men's pool
- 332—Bill Kenny and Joe Ploszay (tied), 1996 men's pool; Brian Newbold, 1999 women's pool
- 331—Bryan Rudolph, 1996 men's pool

**NOTE:** If Duke wins the men's final tonight, Jamie Schultz will finish with 336 points in the 1999 men's pool and will move onto the above all-time list.

#### 1999 LRT WOMEN'S MONEYLESS POOL

Final results—Top 12 out of 33

(Complete standings, page 2)

- 1. Jason Rose (53-10 overall record) 372
- 2. Bindee Chokshi (52-11) 367
- 3. Dennis Chow (51-12) 360
- 4. Chris Manzione (51-12) 345
- 5. Jeff Cultrera (50-13) 340
- 6T. Kristin Vasil (52-11) 337
- 6T. Justin Gerace (50-13) 337
- 8. Brian Newbold (50-13) 332
- 9. Ms. Mancini (47-16) 322
- 10. Kevin Hauschulz (47-16) 318
- 11. Mrs. Norby (46-17) 314
- 12. Kristina Polomsky (47-16) 300

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## Purdue carries Rose to win, record 372 points in women's pool is best in *LRT* pool history

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women's basketball pool, broke Brendan Loy's old record of 358 points in any *LRT* pool—men's or women's—on Friday when Purdue beat Louisiana Tech in the Final Four. When the Boilermakers won the national championship on Sunday, Rose was joined in record territory by Dennis Chow, who finished second, and Bindee Chokshi, who finished third.

Purdue's semifinal win clinched the pool victory and the record for Rose, who had incorrectly predicted that Tennessee would defeat Purdue in the championship. In fact, Tennessee lost in the Elite Eight—but Rose was already far enough ahead of the rest of the 33-person field to win the pool no matter what.

With Purdue's title game win Sunday, Chow—who, unlike Rose, had picked the Boilermakers as champs—closed the gap to five points, making this the closest

contest in the *LRT*'s four-year, six-pool history (not counting the 1999 men's pool, which concludes tonight). Bindee Chokshi, who also picked Purdue, moved to within 12 points of the winner.

Kristin Vasil, who had held at least a share of the lead since the end of the first round and had gone 51-5 in predicting the tournament's first three rounds, lost her chance for the victory which once seemed almost certain when Purdue defeated Louisiana Tech on Friday. Vasil was probably on the dance floor of her junior prom at La Renaissance when the game ended and her hopes of winning the pool died with the Lady Techsters' hopes of national title.

As for Rose, he is quite pleased to be in the *LRT* record books. "I wrote it on the board," he said Monday morning as he sat in his second period class, giving *LRT* editor Brendan Loy a "thumbs-up" sign.

## Schultz, Emerson battle to the wire

1999 men's pool the first in *LRT* history to reach title game without a winner; champs will be Duke and Schultz or UConn and Emerson

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board last Sunday, when it was not yet clear exactly what it would take for her to win the the pool. "I never lost faith in my ability to choose all the winners. I think Brendan should buy me a present if I win."

If Schultz doesn't win, that would be good news for Husky fans—and even better news for Nathan Emerson, who will win the *LRT* pool if UConn beats Duke tonight. Emerson is currently in third place, behind Christine Perkins, who was eliminated Saturday

when Michigan State and Ohio State, her two predicted finalists, both lost. Ms. Perkins, although currently in second place, cannot finish higher than tenth.

This is the first time in the four-year history of *Living Room Times* men's and women's NCAA basketball pools that a pool will literally go down to the wire. Four of the six previous pools have been decided before the Final Four even began; in the other two, winners have clinched during the Final Four.

