

MARCH MATH MADNESS

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After the third?
The fourth?
The fifth?
The sixth?

Write your fractions as decimals and add them together. (.5 + .25 + ...) Do you get 1?

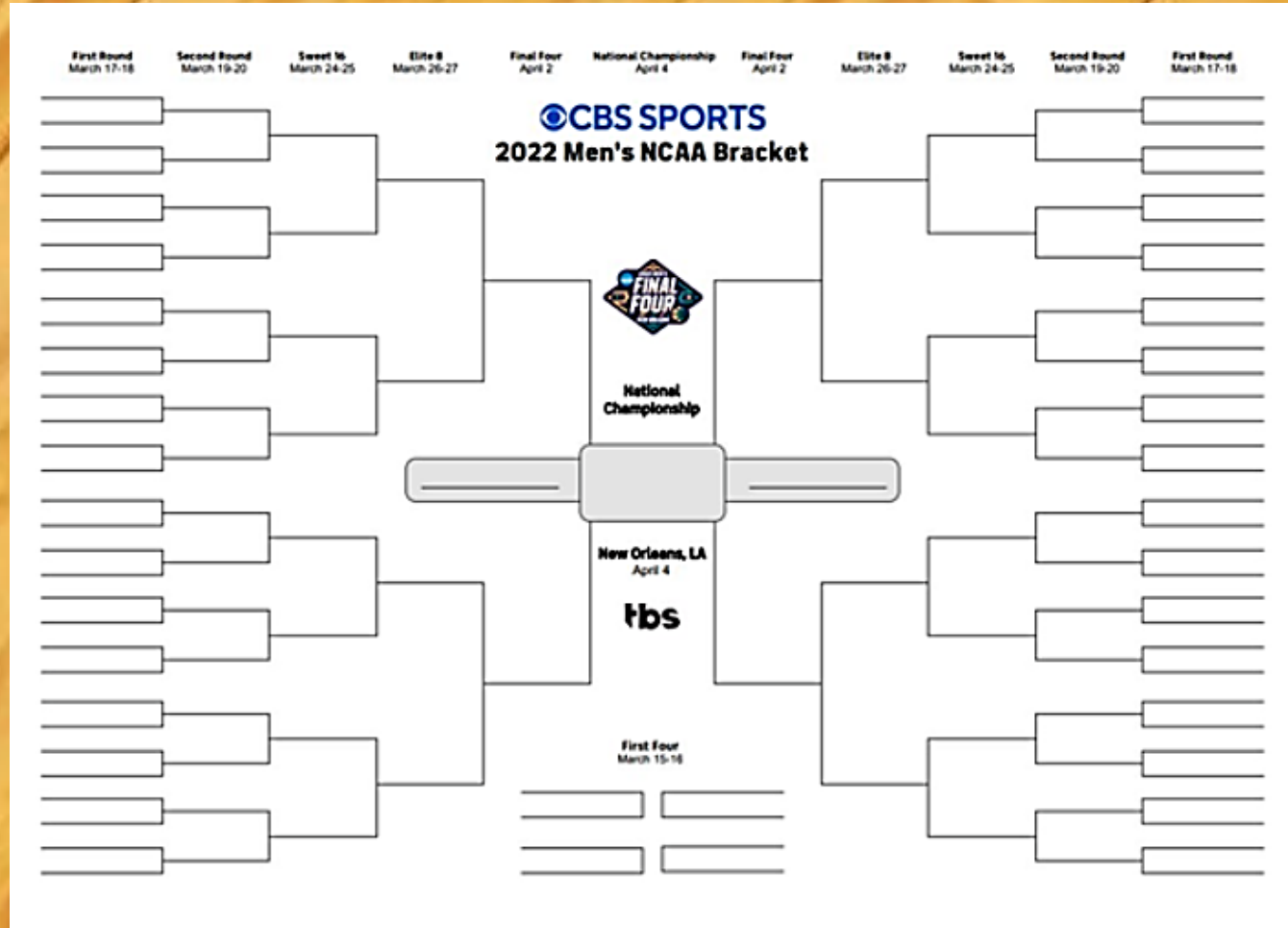
If the NCAA wanted to add a seventh round, how many teams would they need?

If NCAA added a seventh round, what fraction of the teams would remain after the seventh round?

Write that fraction as a decimal and add it to your previous total.

Now, do you get 1?

If NCAA kept adding rounds, could your sum eventually equal 1?



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What fraction of the teams are eliminated each round? $\frac{1}{2}$

So after the first round, $\frac{1}{2}$ the teams remain. After the second, what fraction of the original 64 teams remain? $\frac{1}{4}$

After the third? $\frac{1}{8}$
The fourth? $\frac{1}{16}$
The fifth? $\frac{1}{32}$
The sixth? $\frac{1}{64}$

Write your fractions as decimals and add them together. (.5 + .25 + ...) Do you get 1? **No (.984375)**

If the NCAA wanted to add a seventh round, how many teams would they need? **128**

If NCAA added a seventh round, what fraction of the teams would remain after the seventh round? **$\frac{1}{128}$**
Write that fraction as a decimal and add it to your previous total.

Now, do you get 1? **No (.99218)**
If NCAA kept adding rounds, could your sum eventually equal 1? **No**

