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**Tim Chartier\*** ([tichartier@davidson.edu](mailto:tichartier@davidson.edu)), P.O. Box 6908, Department of Mathematics,  
Davidson, NC 28035. *From March Madness to MATHness with linear algebra.*

Every year, people across the United States predict how the field of 64 or more teams will play in the Division I NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament by filling out a tournament bracket for the postseason play. This talk discusses how to use linear algebra algorithms used by the Bowl Championship Series, the organization that determines which college football teams are invited to which bowl games, to create brackets for March Madness. In particular, this talk focuses on how to make this a classroom project or activity in math classes for math majors or non-majors. (Received September 10, 2013)