



# HOW TO SPOT A BRACKET BUSTER

72 teams seeded 10th or lower have won in the first round of the NCAA Tournament in the past 10 years. Here are the trends those upsets reveal...



## FOLLOW THE FIRST FOUR

Since its conception in 2011, a team participating in the First Four has reached the Round of 32 in every year.

## LUCKY NUMBER 7

There have been an average of seven first-round upsets per year, with no more than 10 and no fewer than five in any year.



## BET ON THE BUCKEYE STATE

Nine teams from Ohio have caused upsets in the first round, three more than any other state.



## TOP FIVE IS KEY

55 of the 72 teams to cause upsets finished fifth or higher in their conference during the regular season.



## TRUST THE A-10

The Atlantic 10 is the top conference for surprise winners in the first round, with eight upsets in the past decade.



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## CHAMPS DON'T PROSPER

Of the five teams seeded 10th or lower to have reached the Elite 8, none won their conference tournament.

## USA! USA! USA!

A Conference-USA team has caused a first-round upset in each of the past four years. All four were seeded 12th to 15th.



## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Four of the five teams that reached the Elite 8 weren't in the previous year's tournament.