

March Madness Ends Early for Wisconsin, but Michael B. Jordan, Jay-Z and Cam Schlichter Keep the Spotlight Moving

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Welcome back to the Spotlight! The first round of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament affectionately (and trademark-ly) known as "March Madness" officially tipped off yesterday at 12:15pm Eastern Time. Within about three hours' time, madness turned to sadness as my alma mater University of Wisconsin Badgers were eliminated by a University seemingly named after a Snoop Dogg free throw ("High Point"). But maybe that is for the best. For one thing, the world offers more than enough madness the other 11 months of the year. For another thing, what I have lost in bracket pool entry fees, pride in watching my alma mater's basketball program and yes, even joy, I have made up in spades with gained productivity and mental bandwidth. I need not concern myself with the outcome of any of the remaining games. So, for those out there considering hiring sports and entertainment attorneys who graduated from Duke, Michigan, Florida, Arizona or any of the other schools still participating in the tournament, might I humbly suggest a humbled Wisconsin alum?

- At the Oscars, Michael B. Jordan took home the top award for Best Actor in a Motion Picture for his role in "Sinners." This accomplishment is all the more impressive given that there was no Best Supporting Actor award for Scottie Pippen.
- Jay-Z announces two back-to-back nights of performances at Yankee Stadium to celebrate the 30th and 25th anniversaries of his iconic albums "Reasonable Doubt" and "The Blueprint," respectively. This makes me feel so old that I can't figure out whether to try to get tickets or stay home and watch re-runs of "Matlock."
- Phenom starting pitcher Cam Schlichter, who calls Yankee Stadium "home," was sent a humane insect removal tool by PETA after reports of his calling security to have a spider removed from his locker. Creative, but unless the spider starts weaving webs that say "Radiant Pitch," I think the real play would be in an endorsement deal with Raid.

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