

1135-B1-1856 **Roland Minton*** (minton@roanoke.edu), 620 Beech Road, Salem, VA 24153. *Homers and Roadies in March Madness*. Preliminary report.

It is often stated that teams that play well on the road and play strong defense are the best bets to win championships. The Massey rating system is adapted to rate college basketball teams separately on offensive, defensive, home and away play during the regular season. The component ratings are then used to predict the postseason tournament. Road play and defense are not as important as typically stated, and there are differences between Division I and Division III play. (Received September 25, 2017)