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HDNet To Broadcast 2009 College Basketball Invitational

Eight Opening Round Games To Be Played This Tuesday & Wednesday

Princeton, NJ – The 16-team field for the 2009 College Basketball Invitational has been announced. The tournament will get underway with eight Opening Round games on Tuesday, March 17th and Wednesday, March 18th.

East Regional

March 18th- 7:00 PM ET

St. John's (16-17) vs. Richmond (18-15)

March 18th- 8:00 PM ET

College of Charleston (26-8) vs. Troy (19-12)

Midwest Regional

March 18th- 8:00 PM ET

Buffalo (21-11) vs. Wichita St. (16-16)

March 18th- 10:00 PM ET

Boise St. (19-12) vs. Stanford (18-13)

West Regional

March 18th- 8:00 PM ET

Vermont (23-8) vs. Green Bay (22-10)

March 18th- 10:00 PM ET

Houston (21-11) vs. Oregon St. (13-17)

South Regional

March 17th- 9:00 PM ET

Northeastern (18-12) vs. Wyoming (19-13)

March 17th- 11:00 PM ET

UTEP (19-12) vs. Nevada (21-12)

Click <u>HERE</u> to view the complete bracket for the tournament.

The College Basketball Invitational is a single-elimination tournament, up until the "Best of Three" Championship Series, with all games being played at campus sites. Prior to the semifinals, the remaining teams will be re-seeded. The Championship Series is a "Best of Three" in which the higher seeded team will host two of the three games.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to continue our season and play a first round game in front of our home crowd," said Oregon State Head Coach Craig Robinson. "I'm very proud of the way the team has grown throughout the year and the selection is a great reward for our seniors who have worked so hard over the past few seasons. The chance to play in a postseason tournament will give our guys valuable experience as we continue to build the program."

HDNet is the official broadcast home for the CBI. HDNet will broadcast up to eleven of the tournament games, including doubleheaders (8:00 & 10:00 PM ET) on March 17, 18, 23 & 25. Opening Round matchups to be broadcast include:

March 17th
Northeastern vs. Wyoming - 9:00 PM ET
UTEP vs. Nevada - 11:00 PM ET

March 18th
Buffalo vs. Wichita St. - 8:00 PM ET
Houston vs. Oregon St. - 10:00 PM ET

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