



Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge to feature Nation's Top Teams in 2001

- Iowa State, DePaul, Maryland, Mississippi State -

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Princeton, NJ (April 4, 2001) – The Gazelle Group is pleased to announce the field and dates for the 2001 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge. **Iowa State** will host **DePaul, Maryland** and **Mississippi State** in Ames, IA on November 21-23, 2001. Match-ups will be announced on or around July 1, 2001.

The event will feature two time Kodak All-American LaToya Thomas of **Mississippi State** and District 5 Kodak All-American Angie Welle of **Iowa State**, two of the top post players in the nation.

This week, Notre Dame became the second straight winner of the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge to also win the NCAA Championship.

- **Notre Dame** (who defeated **Georgia** 75-73 in the 2000 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge Championship Game) won the NCAA Championship Monday night over **Purdue** (host of the 2002 Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge) to win its first ever national crown.
- **UConn** (who defeated **Old Dominion** 109-66 to win the inaugural Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge Championship Game in 1999) won its second national championship later that season with a victory over Tennessee 71-52 on April 2, 2000.

"The Coaches vs. Cancer tournament has become the nation's most prestigious event, said **Iowa State Head Coach Bill Fennelly**. "It is for a great cause and I know we will have outstanding games here at Hilton Coliseum, which has become one of the best environments for college basketball in the country."

Since 1996, the Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge and the IKON Classic, produced by The Gazelle Group, have raised over \$1,500,000 for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

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