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College of Charleston To Play at Troy in College Basketball Invitational

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Charleston, S.C.—The College of Charleston men’s basketball team has been selected to play in the 2009 College Basketball Invitational. The Cougars will play at Troy on Wednesday, March 18 at 8:00 p.m. ET as part of the tournament’s East Regional. This is the second meeting all-time between the schools. The Cougars beat the Trojans, 92-42, at John Kresse Arena on January 5, 1998. The winners plays either Richmond or St. John’s on March 23.

The Cougars finished the regular season with a 26-8 overall record and a 15-5 mark in Southern Conference play. The Cougars finished second in the SoCon Tournament losing at Chattanooga, 80-69, in the tournament’s title game. Charleston opened the SoCon Tournament with a 69-56 win over UNC Greensboro, beat Western Carolina, 67-48, in second round action and downed Davidson for the second time in three meetings this season, 59-52, in the semifinals.

Troy finished the regular season with a 19-12 overall record after posting a third place finish in the Sun Belt’s regular season with a 14-4 league mark. Troy dropped a 78-75 decision to South Alabama in the quarterfinals of the Sun Belt 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” (home-away-home) in which the higher seeded team will host the first and last (if necessary) home games.

Fans interested in attending the game should contact the Troy Ticket Office at 1-877-878-9467.

The College Basketball Invitational will feature...

East Regional

March 18th- 7:00 PM ET - St. John’s (16-17) vs. Richmond (18-15) March 18th- 8:00 PM ET - Charleston

(26-8) vs. Troy (19-12)

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)

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)

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)

HDNet is the official broadcast home for the CBI. HDNet will broadcast up to eleven of the tournament games, including doubleheaders 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

March 23th

- Four Quarterfinal Round games at campus sites
- HDNet will broadcast LIVE two games at 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM ET

March 25th

- Two semi-final games on campus sites
- HDNet will broadcast LIVE both games at 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM ET

College Basketball Invitational Championship Series (March 30th, April 1st & April 3rd)

- All championship games LIVE on HDNet at 8:00 PM ET