

Miami accepts bid to College Basketball Invitational

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Selection Sunday has come and gone, and the RedHawks (16-16, 11-5 MAC) were left without a dance partner. Or so it seemed at first. Later in the day, Miami was offered a bid in the College Basketball Invitational (CBI), and the 'Hawks accepted. They will face the Rhode Island Rams (19-13, 9-7 Atlantic 10) Wednesday in the tournament's opening round. The game will be played at the Ryan Center, Rhode Island's home court.

The CBI is a 16-team single-elimination tournament. However, the championship round is a best-of-three series. The entire bracket can be viewed [here](#).

The Rams finished in sixth place in the Atlantic 10 during the regular season. They won their opening-round game in their conference tournament before falling in the quarterfinal round to eventual tournament champion Richmond. Similarly, the RedHawks lost in the MAC quarterfinals to the eventual tournament champion Akron Zips. They had secured a first-round tournament bye following their second-place regular season finish in the MAC East Division.

This will be Miami's second appearance in the CBI, their first since the tournament's inaugural year in 2008. That year they lost in the opening round to eventual tournament champion Tulsa.

As the MAC Tournament champions, the Zips were the only MAC team to receive a bid to the 2011 NCAA Tournament. They will be squaring off against Notre Dame Friday. But other MAC teams did earn invitations to different postseason tournaments. Tournament runners-up Kent State will play St. Mary's Tuesday in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT). Ohio University will go up against Marshall in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament (CIT) the same day. Western Michigan and Buffalo will also play in the CIT. The Broncos will host Tennessee Tech Wednesday while the Bulls will face Quinnipiac Monday night.

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