

# **2009 COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL**

**FIRST ROUND**

**MARCH 17 & 18**

**QUARTERFINALS**

**MARCH 23**



**SEMIFINALS**

**MARCH 25**

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

**MARCH 30, APRIL 1 & 3**



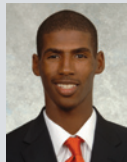
# GAME 2

**UTEP VS. NEVADA**  
**CBI FIRST ROUND - MARCH 17, 2009 - 8 PM PT**  
**LAWLOR EVENTS CENTER - RENO, NEV.**

## PROBABLE LINEUPS

| UTEP            | POS | NEVADA         | POS |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Randy Culpepper | G   | Brandon Fields | G   |
| Stefon Jackson  | G   | Armon Johnson  | G   |
| Julyan Stone    | G   | Luke Babbitt   | F   |
| Arnett Moultrie | F   | Malik Cooke    | F   |
| Tavaris Watts   | F   | Joey Shaw      | F   |

## PLAYERS TO WATCH



### STEFON JACKSON

Sr. • G • UTEP

The nation's seventh best scorer and second in Conference USA, Jackson averaged 24.2 points per game. He led the country in free throws made (272) and attempted (324). He is the all-time leading scorer in UTEP history with 2,299 points. He has fourteen 30-point games putting him among the top in Miner history. On December 30, Jackson posted a career-high 44 points in a OT loss to Santa Clara. He was also pegged to the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) All-District VII Team for the second year in a row.



### LUKE BABBITT

Fr. • F • Nevada

Babbitt, a Reno native and the third player in Nevada prep history to be named a McDonald's All-American, led the Wolf Pack in scoring, finishing with a total of 553 points on the season. He also led the team in scoring on 14 different occasions this season. Babbitt scored a career high of 30 points to lift the Wolf Pack to a victory over San Jose State in the Quarterfinals of the Western Athletic Conference tournament. In his first year, Babbitt was named to the All-Newcomer Team and as a freshman received First Team All-Conference honors.

## TONIGHT'S OTHER GAME

**Northeastern vs. Wyoming • 9 p.m. ET**  
**Arena-Auditorium • Laramie, Wyo.**

Wyoming's high scoring offense faces a stiff test against the stingy Northeastern defense. Wyoming is led by four double-digit scorers, Brandon Ewing, Sean Ogirri, Afam Muojeke, and Tyson Johnson, who all received postseason accolades by the Mountain West Conference. Ewing, a First Team All-Mountain West performer, became the first player to lead the conference in both scoring, 18.4 ppg, and assists, 5.1 apg. Northeastern reached the postseason relying on a stingy defense that held opponents to under 60 ppg and allowed teams to shoot just 42.4% from the floor. Northeastern will be led by Junior guard Matt Janning who was named to the First Team All-CAA after averaging a team-best 14.1 ppg. Wyoming averages 75.4 ppg on the season and Northeastern has not allowed an opponent to score 75 points in a single game since dropping a game at Memphis on New Year's Eve.

## UTEP MINERS

19-12 overall, 10-6 Conference USA (5th)

| NO | NAME              | POS | HT   | WT  | CL  | HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)                   | G  | MIN  | PTS  | REB | AST |
|----|-------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|--|----|------|------|-----|-----|
| 0  | Kareem Cooper     | C   | 7-0  | 285 | Jr. | Washington, D.C. (Memphis)                   | 21 | 18.4 | 7.3  | 4.2 | 0.4 |
| 1  | Arnett Moultrie   | F   | 6-11 | 225 | Fr. | Memphis, Tenn. (Raleigh Egypt H.S.)          | 31 | 25.4 | 7.9  | 8.1 | 0.6 |
| 2  | Jason Jones       | F/G | 6-6  | 200 | Fr. | Memphis, Tenn. (Ridgeway H.S.)               | 30 | 12.5 | 2.9  | 1.7 | 0.7 |
| 3  | Randy Culpepper   | G   | 6-0  | 165 | So. | Memphis, Tenn. (Sheffield H.S.)              | 31 | 29.7 | 17.4 | 2.7 | 1.8 |
| 5  | Julyan Stone      | G   | 6-6  | 195 | So. | Goleta, Calif. (Dos Pueblos Senior H.S.)     | 31 | 33.3 | 5.5  | 5.4 | 6.2 |
| 11 | Blaise Ffrench    | G   | 6-1  | 185 | Fr. | New York, N.Y. (Holy Cross H.S.)             | 25 | 4.8  | 0.3  | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| 12 | Stefon Jackson    | G   | 6-5  | 185 | Sr. | Philadelphia, Pa. (Lutheran Christian Acad.) | 31 | 36.2 | 24.2 | 5.4 | 2.1 |
| 13 | Wayne Portalatin  | C   | 6-10 | 240 | So. | Allentown, Pa. (The Patterson School)        | 28 | 8.7  | 0.6  | 1.6 | 0.2 |
| 20 | Isaac Gordon      | G   | 6-5  | 210 | So. | Los Angeles, Calif. (Mercer)                 | 15 | 4.0  | 1.1  | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| 21 | Chano Rashiduddin | F   | 6-8  | 260 | Fr. | Los Angeles, Calif. (Genesis One Christian)  | 4  | 1.8  | 0.3  | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| 23 | Gabriel McCulley  | G/F | 6-7  | 225 | So. | Memphis, Tenn. (Craigmont H.S.)              | 27 | 14.9 | 4.1  | 2.7 | 0.7 |
| 24 | Tavaris Watts     | F   | 6-8  | 215 | Sr. | Greensboro, N.C. (Hillsborough CC)           | 24 | 20.7 | 5.2  | 3.2 | 0.6 |
| 31 | Eric Munoz        | F   | 6-7  | 200 | So. | El Paso, Texas (Eastwood H.S.)               | 4  | 1.5  | 0.0  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 32 | Claude Britten    | C   | 6-11 | 270 | So. | Baton Rouge, La. (Genesis One Christian)     | 27 | 11.7 | 4.3  | 2.7 | 0.1 |

**HEAD COACH** - Tony Barbee (third season), 52-43 (.557) at UTEP

**ASSISTANT COACHES** - Randall Dickey, Tony Madlock, Milt Wagner, Mike Babul

**ABOUT UTEP** - The 2008-09 season marked the 20th time in school history that the Miners have registered 10 victories in league play. Under Coach Tony Barbee, UTEP has displayed steady improvement each season, posting 6-10 league mark in 2006-07, 8-8 in 2007-08 and 10-6 this year. Over the course of the season, Stefon Jackson became the all-time leading scorer in C-USA and was tabbed to the United States Basketball Writers Association All-District VII Team for the second year in a row. Freshman Arnett Moultrie was also selected to the C-USA All-Freshman Team.

**HOW THEY GOT HERE** - The Miners earned an opening round bye in the Conference USA Tournament, earning a No. 4 seed with a 10-6 conference record.

## NEVADA WOLF PACK

21-12 overall, 11-5 Western Athletic Conference (2nd)

| NO | NAME             | POS | HT  | WT  | CL  | HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)                   | G  | MIN  | PTS  | REB | AST |
|----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|----|------|------|-----|-----|
| 0  | Brandon Fields   | G   | 6-4 | 185 | Jr. | Arlington, Texas (Bowie HS)                  | 31 | 21.9 | 9.1  | 2.3 | 1.4 |
| 1  | Lyndale Burleson | G   | 6-3 | 190 | Sr. | Seattle, Wash. (Franklin HS)                 | 33 | 24.4 | 3.3  | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| 3  | Joey Shaw        | F   | 6-6 | 205 | Jr. | Glendale, Ariz. (College of Southern Idaho)  | 32 | 20.1 | 7.8  | 4.4 | 0.7 |
| 5  | Luke Babbitt     | F   | 6-9 | 225 | Fr. | Reno, Nev. (Galena HS)                       | 33 | 32.7 | 16.4 | 7.5 | 1.4 |
| 11 | London Giles     | G   | 6-3 | 180 | Fr. | Dallas, Texas (Kimball HS)                   | 18 | 5.6  | 0.9  | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| 15 | Malik Cooke      | F   | 6-6 | 205 | So. | Charlotte, N.C. (Christ School)              | 33 | 27.3 | 9.5  | 6.0 | 0.9 |
| 20 | Ray Kraemer      | G   | 6-4 | 200 | Jr. | Kemah, Texas (Weatherford College)           | 30 | 8.5  | 2.6  | 1.4 | 0.2 |
| 23 | Armon Johnson    | G   | 6-3 | 195 | So. | Reno, Nev. (Hug HS)                          | 33 | 32.3 | 15.4 | 3.4 | 4.3 |
| 24 | Richie Phillips  | F   | 6-7 | 220 | Jr. | Seattle, Wash. (Franklin HS)                 | 32 | 6.8  | 0.6  | 1.4 | 0.0 |
| 25 | Ahyaro Phillips  | F   | 6-8 | 210 | Fr. | New Orleans, La. (Fork Union Military Acad.) | 28 | 7.8  | 2.0  | 2.3 | 0.4 |
| 44 | Dario Hunt       | F   | 6-8 | 230 | Fr. | Colorado Springs, Colo. (Charis Prep School) | 33 | 18.8 | 3.4  | 4.4 | 0.5 |
| 55 | Adam Carp        | F   | 6-7 | 200 | So. | Clayton, Calif. (Clayton Valley HS)          | 6  | 4.0  | 1.0  | 0.5 | 0.0 |

**HEAD COACH** - Mark Fox (fifth season), 123-42 (.745) at Nevada

**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH** - David Carter

**ASSISTANT COACHES** - Doug Novesk, Kwanza Johnson

**ABOUT NEVADA** - This year marks Nevada's sixth consecutive season with at least 20 wins and the fifth 20-win season for Head Coach Mark Fox, who is the only Wolf Pack coach to lead more than one team to at least 20 victories. The Wolf Pack have participated in postseason play for seven consecutive seasons. Freshman Luke Babbitt led Nevada in both scoring and rebounding with 17.0 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. He was awarded with the 2009 WAC Freshman of the Year and first-team All-WAC citations for his consistently dominant play throughout the year.

**HOW THEY GOT HERE** - This season marks the fourth time in Nevada's nine seasons as a member of the WAC that the Wolf Pack has advanced to the championship game of the WAC tournament.

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## ABOUT THE CBI

The College Basketball Invitational (CBI) provides a meaningful opportunity for teams that are deserving of a postseason experience. Sixteen teams compete in this new postseason event, hosted at on-campus arenas throughout the country.

The CBI is a single-elimination tournament, up until the Championship Series, with all games played at campus sites. The Championship Series is a best of three series in which the higher seed will get the first and last (if necessary) home games.

The event features eight first-round games, four second-round (or quarterfinal) games, a semifinal round and then a Championship Series.

Bracketing is conducted geographically into four regions of the country (East, West, South, Midwest) to minimize missed class time. The goal of the brackets is to create a competitive balance within each region. The final process takes place after the NCAA Tournament field is announced.

The 16-team field consists of teams not selected for the NCAA Tournament. Teams are invited based upon performance during their conference and non-conference schedule, as well as how well the team is playing at the end of the regular season.

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# 2009 CBI TOURNAMENT NOTES

**History Lesson** – The introduction of the College Basketball Invitational marked the first time in over 30 years that there had been a third postseason tournament, other than the NCAA or the NIT. In 1974 and 1975, the Collegiate Commissioners Association Tournament was an eight-team tournament run by the NCAA, featuring teams that came in second in their conferences.

**Down To The Wire** – The 2008 College Basketball Invitational had the most competitive games among the three postseason tournaments...

- 7.0 – average margin of victory in CBI
- 12.7 – average margin of victory in NIT
- 14.3 – average margin of victory in NCAA

**Filling It Up** – A total of 87,455 fans attended games during the 2008 College Basketball Invitational, including sellout crowds of 9,014 at Bradley and 8,455 at Tulsa during the "Best of Three" Championship Series.

**Conference Call** – For the second straight year, the CBI will include teams from 13 different conferences. Three conferences, WAC (Nevada, Boise State), Conference USA (UTEP, Houston) and the Pac-10 Conference (Oregon State, Stanford), received multiple bids.

**Welcome Back** – Four teams return to play in the 2009 CBI after appearing in the inaugural event one year ago. Richmond, Nevada, UTEP and Houston appeared in last year's event, with Houston going to the tournament semifinals.

**It's Been A While** – Nine CBI teams in this year's field have waited at least four seasons since their last visit to the postseason. For Green Bay, the Phoenix are headed back to

postseason play for the first time since 1996. Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk led Green Bay to a 22-10 record and a second place finish in the Horizon League.

**Just Win, Baby** – Thirteen of the sixteen teams in the 2009 CBI field won at least 18 games this season, including six 20-win teams: Buffalo, Charleston, Green Bay, Houston, Nevada and Vermont.

**Wins, Wins and More Wins** – CBI Tournament teams average 19.3 wins overall and 10.1 wins in conference play.

**Even More Wins** – College of Charleston has the most overall victories (26) and conference wins (15) of any team in the 2009 CBI.

**Sharing The Wealth** – Two teams in the CBI field, Vermont (America East) and Buffalo (MAC), earned a share of the regular-season championship in their conferences.

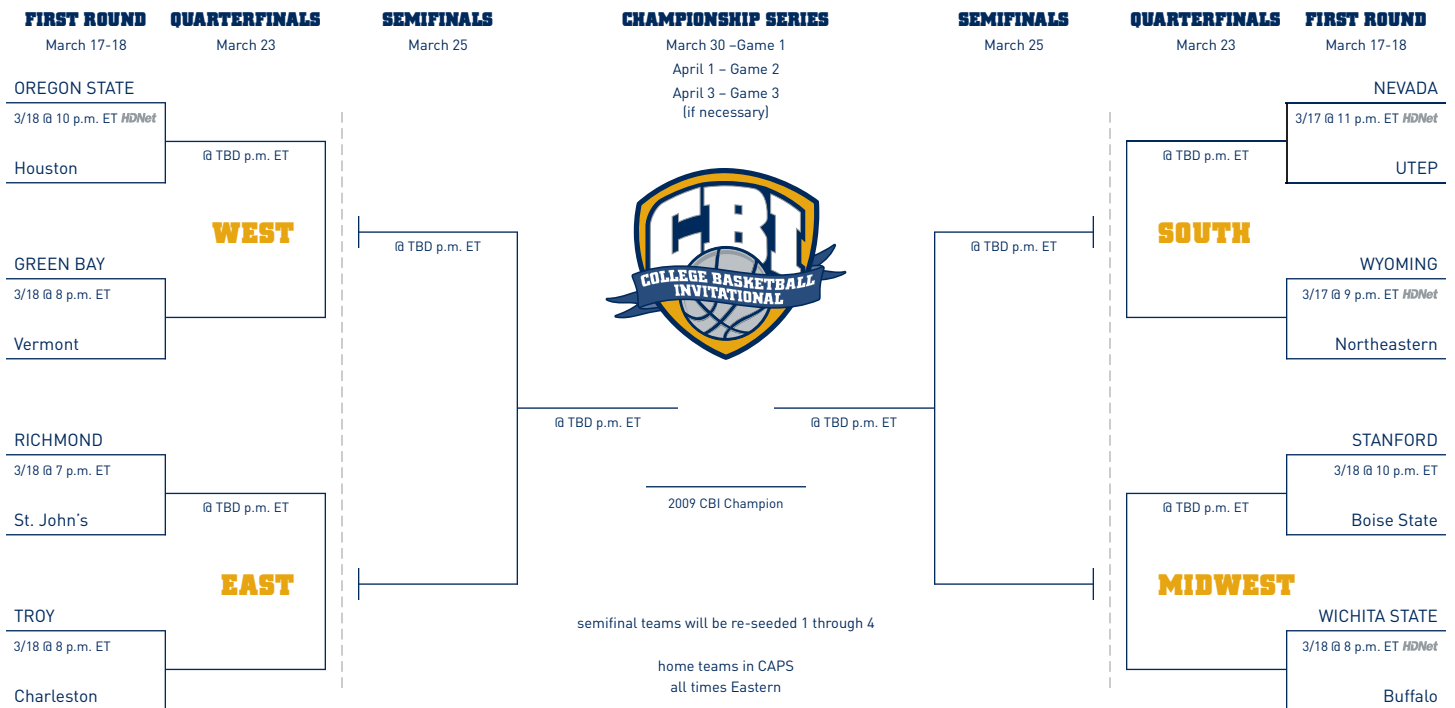
**Conference Honors** – The 2009 College Basketball Invitational features 26 players that received all-conference recognition, including 10 first-team selections.

**More Honors** – The 2009 CBI also features one conference "Player of the Year" winner. Vermont's Marqus Blakely won the honor in the America East Conference for the second year in a row. He is just the fifth player to win the award in consecutive seasons in the America East.

**More Marqus** – Blakely was named America East Defensive "Player of the Year" for the second year in a row, as well. He is the first player in conference history to win that award twice.

**Fresh Faces** – Nevada's Luke Babbitt and Wyoming's Afam Muojeke were named as their conference's "Freshman of the Year." The two could face off in the quarterfinals.

## 2009 CBI TOURNAMENT BRACKET



### WHERE TO WATCH THE CBI

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### HDNet TELEVISION SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

**March 17**  
Northeastern vs. Wyoming – 9 p.m.  
UTEP vs. Nevada – 11 p.m.

**March 18**  
Buffalo vs. Wichita State – 8 p.m.  
Houston vs. Oregon State – 10 p.m.

**March 23**  
Quarterfinal – 8 p.m.  
Quarterfinal – 10 p.m.

**March 25**  
Semifinal – 8 p.m.  
Semifinal – 10 p.m.

**March 30**  
Championship Series, Game 1 – TBD

**April 1**  
Championship Series, Game 2 – TBD

**April 3** (if necessary)  
Championship Series, Game 3 – TBD