

2009 COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

FIRST ROUND

MARCH 17 & 18

QUARTERFINALS

MARCH 23



SEMIFINALS

MARCH 25

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

MARCH 30, APRIL 1 & 3



GAME 6

BUFFALO VS. WICHITA STATE
CBI FIRST ROUND - MARCH 18, 2009 - 7 PM CT
KOCH ARENA - WICHITA, KANS.

PROBABLE LINEUPS

BUFFALO	POS	WICHITA STATE	POS
Rodney Pierce	G	Clevin Hannah	G
Andy Robinson	G	Toure Murry	G
Calvin Betts	G/F	A.J. Hawkins	G/F
Greg Gamble	G/F	Ramon Clemente	F
Vadim Fedotov	F/C	J.T. Durlley	F

PLAYERS TO WATCH

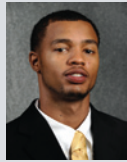


RODNEY PIERCE

Jr. • G • Buffalo

Pierce is only the second Buffalo player to be named to the All-MAC First Team. The junior guard had a breakout season for the Bulls. He led Buffalo and

ranked eighth in the MAC in scoring, averaging 14.7 points per game. He ranked second on the team in assists with 2.2 per game and third in rebounding at 3.8 per game. Pierce earned MAC Player of the Week honors twice during the season.



CLEVIN HANNAH

Jr. • G • Wichita State

Clevin Hannah, a member of the MVC All Newcomer Team, led the Shockers in assists and contributed 11.1 points in his first year at Wichita. He finished

among the conference Top 20 in scoring (11.1 ppg), free throw percentage (73%) and steals (1.3), and second overall in assists (4.3). Clevin led the Shockers in scoring 10 times, earning his career high (26 points) in a tough loss to Southern Illinois late in the season.

BUFFALO BULLS

21-11 overall, 11-5 America East (1st)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
1	Andy Robinson	G	6-1	190	Sr.	Schenectady, N.Y. (Schenectady)	29	22.6	7.9	3.1	1.2
2	Byron Mulkey	G	6-0	170	Jr.	Wheatfield, N.Y. (Niagara Wheatfield)	9	6.2	1.6	0.7	0.6
3	Sean Smiley	G	6-1	165	Jr.	Erie, Pa. (McDowell)	28	9.8	3.6	1.5	0.4
4	Rodney Pierce	G	6-2	195	Jr.	Buffalo, N.Y. (Rider)	32	30.8	14.3	3.7	2.2
15	Vadim Fedotov	F/C	6-9	260	Sr.	Munich, Germany (Schloss Hagerhof)	26	18.0	4.8	2.3	0.7
21	Mitchell Watt	F/C	6-9	210	Fr.	Goodyear, Ariz. (Desert Edge)	32	12.4	3.6	2.3	0.5
22	John Boyer	G	6-1	185	Jr.	Holidaysburg, Pa. (Holidaysburg)	32	16.9	2.7	2.3	1.5
25	Calvin Betts	G/F	6-3	225	Jr.	Rochester, N.Y. (Rush-Henrietta)	31	29.3	9.2	6.5	1.0
30	Titus Robinson	F	6-7	190	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C. (East Mecklenburg)	29	11.3	3.9	1.8	0.3
32	Jawaan Alston	F	6-8	220	So.	Uniontown, Pa. (Albert Gallatin)	32	14.4	2.5	2.6	0.5
33	Adekambi Laleye	F	6-9	210	Jr.	Ottawa, Ontario (Champlain-St. Lambert)	11	4.3	0.4	1.5	0.2
34	Greg Gamble	G/F	6-4	200	Sr.	Niagara Falls, N.Y. (Niagara Falls)	32	28.1	8.8	5.1	3.8
35	Brian Addison	F	6-8	225	Sr.	Queens, N.Y. (Monroe CC)	7	3.1	0.3	0.6	0.1
40	Max Boudreau	F	6-7	230	Jr.	Montreal, Quebec (Champlain-St. Lambert)	32	13.5	5.9	3.2	0.4
42	Dave Barnett	G/F	6-5	200	R Fr.	East Aurora, N.Y. (East Aurora)	1	3.0	0.0	1.0	0.0

HEAD COACH - Reggie Witherspoon (10th season), 126-170 (.426) at Buffalo

ASSISTANT COACHES - Jim Kwitchoff, Kevin Heck, Turner Battle

ABOUT BUFFALO - Led by Coach Reggie Witherspoon, who was named the Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year, the Bulls finished up with a record of 21-11. Witherspoon took a Buffalo squad that went 10-20 (3-13 MAC) a season ago and guided them to the most regular season wins in school history. The 11 conference wins tied for the most in school history. The Bulls had a great early season start when they were crowned champions of the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii, their first in-season tournament championship in 15 years.

HOW THEY GOT HERE - The Bulls earned a share of the regular season MAC title and blazed a trail to the MAC Championship game. Junior forward Max Boudreau had a sound showing in the MAC tournament, earning a spot on the All-Tournament team.

WICHITA STATE SHOCKERS

16-16 overall, 8-10 Missouri Valley Conference (7th)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
0	Aaron Ellis	F	6-9	205	So.	Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Carolina Forrester)	31	14.3	3.0	3.4	0.5
1	Brett Steve	G	6-2	168	Fr.	Wichita, Kans. (Bishop Carroll)	5	1.5	0.0	0.3	0.0
3	Clevin Hannah	G	5-11	155	Jr.	Holly Springs, Miss. (Chipola (Fla.))	32	28.4	11.4	2.1	4.2
5	Reggie Britton Jr.	G	6-2	183	Fr.	Plano, Texas (Plano)	5	1.8	0.0	0.3	0.3
10	Ramon Clemente	F	6-6	225	Sr.	Queens, N.Y. (Paris JC (Texas))	32	26.8	7.6	7.3	1.4
14	Graham Hatch	G	6-4	204	So.	Mesa, Ariz. (Mesa)	32	15.2	3.1	1.5	0.8
15	Bret Michael	G	6-0	175	So.	Wichita, Kans. (Sunrise Christian Academy)	2	5.0	1.0	0.5	1.0
22	Reggie Chamberlain	G	6-0	168	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Seward County CC)	32	11.9	3.5	0.7	0.9
23	Toure Murry	G	6-4	183	Fr.	Houston, Texas (Klein Forest)	32	28.3	11.0	3.7	2.6
24	David Kyles	G	6-3	179	Fr.	Dallas, Texas (Kimball)	27	9.7	2.2	1.2	0.5
25	A.J. Hawkins	G/F	6-5	202	Jr.	Edmond, Okla. (Millwood)	32	25.5	7.2	2.9	1.4
31	J.T. Durlley	F	6-7	233	So.	Pittsburgh, Texas (Pittsburgh)	32	23.0	8.4	4.3	0.7
33	Mantas Griskenas	F	6-7	220	Sr.	Rokiskis, Lithuania (Three Rivers CC)	19	7.9	1.7	1.1	0.4
41	Garrett Stutz	C	7-0	235	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (North Kansas City)	32	13.0	4.4	2.7	0.2

HEAD COACH - Gregg Marshall (second season), 27-36 (.429) at Wichita State

ASSISTANT COACHES - Earl Grant, Marty Gross, Chris Jans, Dominic Okon

ABOUT WICHITA STATE - The youthful Shockers' were led by a pair of guards in Clevin Hannah and Toure Murry, both of whom were recognized by the MVC on the All-Newcomer Team. Murry was also selected to the MVC All-Freshman Team. The Shockers had tremendous success at Charles Koch Arena where they carried a 13-3 record, selling the arena out eight times. Coach Gregg Marshall has helped lead the resurgent Shockers to a .500 regular season record and much improved 8-10 conference record.

HOW THEY GOT HERE - Wichita State reached the quarterfinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, where they met Creighton and fell 63-62. Sophomore TJ Durlley led the Shockers with 17 points, 15 of which came in the second half.

TONIGHT'S OTHER GAMES

St. John's vs. Richmond • 7 p.m. ET
Robins Center • Richmond, Va.

Vermont vs. Green Bay • 8 p.m. ET
Resch Center • Green Bay, Wis.

Charleston vs. Troy • 8 p.m. ET
Trojan Arena • Troy, Ala.

Houston vs. Oregon State • 10 p.m. ET
Gill Coliseum • Corvallis, Ore.

Boise State vs. Stanford • 10 p.m. ET
Maples Pavilion • Stanford, Calif.

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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.

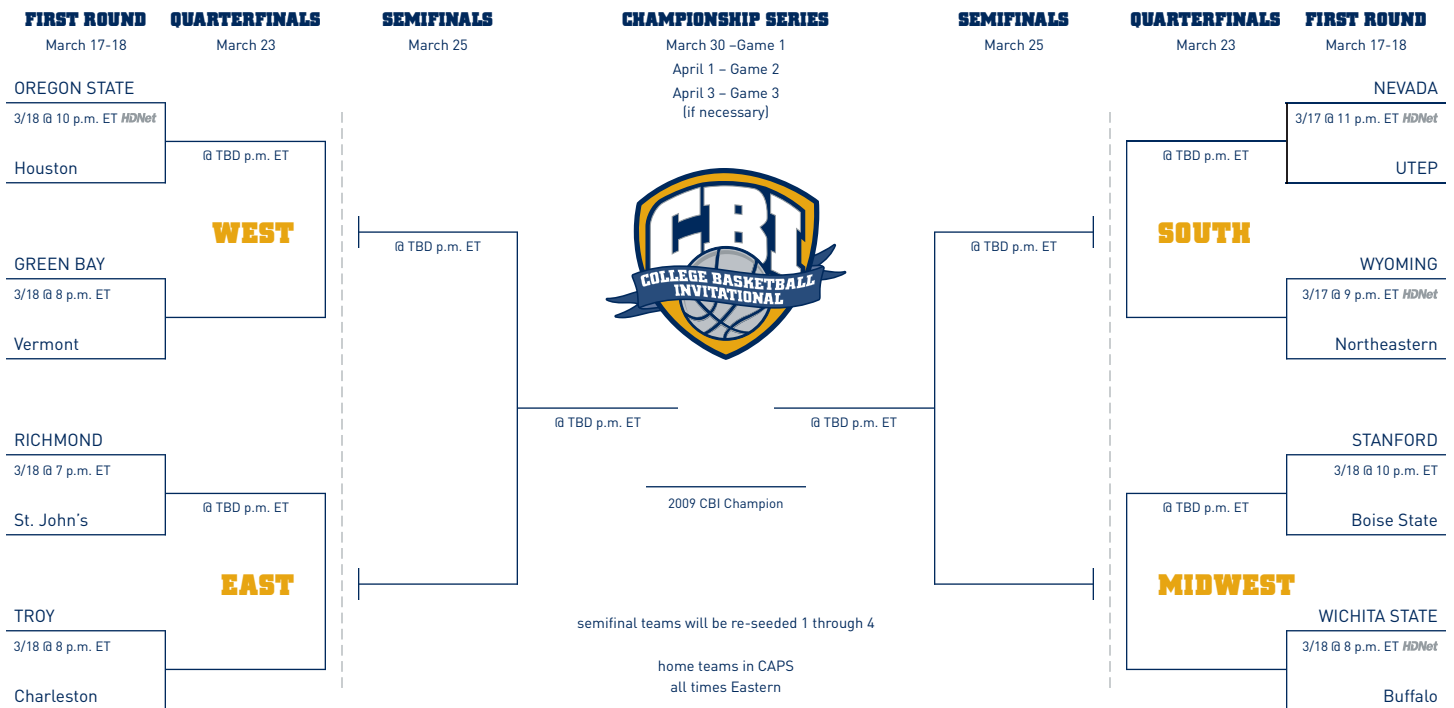
Conference Honors – The 2009 College Basketball Invitational features 26 players that received all-conference recognition, including 10 first-team selections.

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