

# **2010 COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL**

**FIRST ROUND**

**MARCH 16 & 17**

**QUARTERFINALS**

**MARCH 22**



**SEMIFINALS**

**MARCH 24**

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

**MARCH 29 & 31, APRIL 2**



# GAME 1

**VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH VS. GEORGE WASHINGTON**  
**CBI FIRST ROUND - MARCH 16, 2010 - 7 PM ET**  
**CHARLES E. SMITH CENTER - WASHINGTON, D.C.**

## PROBABLE LINEUPS

VCU	POS	GW	POS
Bradford Burgess	G	Lasan Kromah	G
Ed Nixon	G	Tony Taylor	G
Joey Rodriguez	G	Damian Hollis	F
Larry Sanders	F	Aaron Ware	F
Jamie Skeen	F	Joseph Katuka	C

## PLAYERS TO WATCH



### LARRY SANDERS

Jr. • F • Virginia Commonwealth

Named the Colonial Athletic Association's Defensive Player of the Year...he also earned a spot on the all-conference first-team...he is only the second player in CAA

history to earn back-to-back Defensive Player of the Year laurels...he is third in the conference and 24th in the nation in blocks...he is also second in the conference in rebounding with 9.0 rebounds per game... in less than three seasons, Sanders has moved up to fourth on the CAA's all-time blocked shots list...he grabbed double-digit rebounds 12 times this season.



### DAMIAN HOLLIS

Sr. • F • George Washington

Earned honorable mention All-Atlantic 10 acclaim this season... Hollis is the first GW player to earn all-conference honors since the 2006-07 season...enters

the CBI leading the Colonials in scoring (13.3 ppg), rebounding (4.8 rpg), and blocks (25)...led George Washington in scoring 12 times this season...a member of the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie team in 2006-07...a long and lean player who can step out and shoot the three, evidenced by his 97 attempts this season.

## TONIGHT'S OTHER GAME

**Indiana State vs. Saint Louis • 9 p.m. ET**  
**Chaifetz Arena • St. Louis, Mo.**

This Midwest match-up features two teams who have played 20 times in their history but not since 1990. Indiana State is 17-14 this season, posting its most wins since winning 22 during the 2000-01 season. Second-team All-Missouri Valley honoree Harry Marshall leads the Sycamores in scoring (13.7 ppg) and assists (8.4) while sophomore Dwayne Lathan is pouring in 12.9 points a game while pulling down 5.0 rebounds an outing. Saint Louis is the youngest team in the country, with no seniors or juniors on the active roster. Despite that SLU is 20-11 after being predicted to finish 12th in the A-10 in the league's preseason poll. Kwamain Mitchell leads the Billikens with his 16.1 ppg average, which earned him A-10 all-conference second-team honors. Sophomore Willie Reed tallies 11.7 ppg and leads the Bills with a 7.9 rpg average and 63 blocks in earning honorable mention all-conference acclaim.

## VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH RAMS

22-9 overall, 11-7 Colonial Athletic Association (5th)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
1	Larry Sanders	F	6-11	235	Jr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. (Port St. Lucie)	30	27.1	14.6	9.0	1.0
2	Issiah Grayson	G	5-11	160	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Findlay Prep)	10	4.0	0.7	0.4	0.3
4	Terrance Saintil	F	6-8	240	So.	North Miami, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)	22	8.0	2.7	2.1	0.2
10	Darius Theus	G	6-3	195	Fr.	Portsmouth, Va. (I.C. Norcom)	30	11.8	2.8	1.0	0.9
11	Kirill Pishchalnikov	F	6-8	265	Sr.	Maykop, Russia (MGGTK AGU)	29	9.4	2.6	2.7	0.2
12	Joey Rodriguez	G	5-10	175	Jr.	Oviedo, Fla. (Lake Howell)	31	32.9	12.2	2.6	5.8
20	Bradford Burgess	G	6-5	215	So.	Midlothian, Va. (Benedictine)	31	28.4	10.5	5.1	1.2
21	Jamie Skeen	F	6-9	245	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Wake Forest)	23	19.5	7.2	4.3	0.9
30	Troy Daniels	G	6-4	195	Fr.	Roanoke, Va. (William Fleming)	21	4.9	1.6	0.5	0.1
32	Brandon Rozzell	G	6-2	185	Jr.	Richmond, Va. (Highland Springs)	31	22.5	8.3	2.1	1.2
34	David Hinton	F	6-8	230	R-Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. (RJ Reynolds)	6	4.0	0.3	1.0	0.2
42	T.J. Gwynn	F	6-4	205	R-Sr.	Burlington, N.C. (Cummings)	30	16.7	5.5	3.4	1.1
50	Ed Nixon	G	6-4	200	Jr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Lakewood)	31	22.0	8.4	2.5	1.7

**HEAD COACH** - Shaka Smart (first season), 22-9 (.709)

**ASSISTANT COACHES** - Will Wade, Mike Rhoades, Mike Jones

**ABOUT VCU** - The Rams went 22-9 this season and are led by the Colonial Athletic Association's Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-conference selection Larry Sanders...the junior enters the CBI atop VCU's statistics chart with 14.6 ppg and 9.0 rpg averages...Sanders was joined on the all-conference team by classmate Joey Rodriguez, who garnered second-team laurels...Rodriguez was second to Sanders with his 12.2 ppg average while his 180 assists topped the chart... under first-year head coach Shaka Smart, the Rams recorded their third straight 20-win season.

**HOW THEY GOT HERE** - VCU finished fifth in the Colonial Athletic Association with an 11-7 record and reached the semifinals of the CAA tournament...this is the Rams' fourth straight postseason tournament appearance.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON COLONIALS

16-14 overall, 6-10 Atlantic 10 Conference (10th)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
00	Dwayne Smith	F	6-6	215	Fr.	Toronto, Ont. (Bridgton Academy (Maine))	30	12.8	5.2	2.8	0.4
1	Travis King	G	6-2	215	R-Jr.	New Haven, Conn. (Hyde Leadership)	29	11.3	2.9	1.2	1.0
3	Tony Taylor	G	6-1	191	So.	Sleepy Hollow, N.Y. (Archbishop Stepinac)	30	30.2	9.4	3.0	4.0
4	Jeff Alston	G	5-9	175	G.S.	Silver Spring, Md. (Good Counsel)	4	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0
5	Bryan Bynes	G	6-3	160	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Boyd Anderson)	30	12.8	5.2	2.8	0.4
10	Michael Conward	G	6-3	183	So.	Miami, Fla. (Coral Gables)	3	1.3	1.3	0.7	0.0
12	David Pellom	F	6-8	212	Fr.	Wilmington, N.C. (New Hanover)	29	15.0	3.0	3.3	0.8
13	Jabari Edwards	F	6-10	222	R-So.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (St. Benedict's)	29	10.6	1.2	2.3	0.2
15	Aaron Ware	G/F	6-5	201	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Montgomery)	30	19.3	6.4	3.5	1.0
20	Lasan Kromah	G	6-5	190	Fr.	Greenbelt, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt)	30	24.4	11.6	3.3	1.9
22	Damian Hollis	C	6-9	223	Sr.	Richmond, Calif. (Worcester Academy (Mass.))	30	23.0	13.3	4.8	1.2
32	Tim Johnson	G	6-3	180	Fr.	Harvey, Ill. (Lee Academy (Maine))	26	10.2	3.6	1.2	0.8
42	Joseph Katuka	C	6-11	222	Jr.	Zaria, Nigeria (Montverde Academy (Fla.))	29	14.7	5.9	3.9	0.2
44	Hermann Opoku	F	6-10	236	Sr.	Vienna, Austria (South Kent (Conn.))	29	16.2	4.1	4.0	0.1

**HEAD COACH** - Karl Hobbs (ninth season), 149-114 (.567)

**ASSISTANT COACHES** - Brian Ellerbe, Roland Houston, Greg Collucci

**ABOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON** - The Colonials finished the season with a 16-14 record, their first winning season in three years...senior Damian Hollis leads head coach Karl Hobbs' troops...the honorable mention All-Atlantic 10 performer has team highs of 13.3 ppg, 4.8 rpg, and 25 blocked shots...sophomore Tony Taylor has a team-high 121 assists to go along with his 9.4 ppg average...freshman Lasan Kromah was named to the A-10 All-Rookie team for averaging 11.6 ppg this season.

**HOW THEY GOT HERE** - GW dropped its opener in the Atlantic 10 tournament at Dayton...the Colonials are making their first postseason appearance since 2007, which capped a run of four straight postseason berths, including three straight NCAA bids.

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## ABOUT THE CBI

The College Basketball Invitational (CBI) provides a meaningful opportunity for teams that deserve a postseason experience. Sixteen teams compete in this three-year-old 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.

The event features eight first-round games, four quarterfinal round games, a semifinal round, and then the Championship Series.

The goal of the brackets is to create a competitive balance within each bracket and to minimize missed class time. 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 schedules, as well as how well the team is playing at the end of the regular season.

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## 2010 CBI TOURNAMENT NOTES

**Third Annual CBI** – The third annual College Basketball Invitational tips off on March 16 with a pair of Opening Round games, with six additional Opening Round games being played on March 17. The Quarterfinals commence on Monday, March 22, followed by Semifinal Round action on Wednesday, March 24.

The unique quality of the CBI is it's best-of-three Championship Round, which will be held March 29, March 31, and April 2. The highest remaining seed would host two games should a third game be necessary. In each of the first two CBIs, the Championship Round went the full three games.

**Believe It...Or Not** – The CBI had the most competitive games during the 2009 postseason:

- 6.6 – average margin of victory in CBI
- 9.2 – average margin of victory in NIT
- 13.3 – average margin of victory in NCAA

**Did You Know** – Tulsa (2008) and Oregon State (2009) won the first two College Basketball Invationals. Both series went the distance as Tulsa won Games 1 and 3 against Bradley in 2008 and Oregon State did the same in 2009 against UTEP.

**Fantastic** – 172,474 fans attended games at the first two CBI Tournaments. In both years, the final two games of the Championship Series were played before sellout crowds of 9,014 at Bradley (2008), 8,455 at Tulsa (2008), and 12,000 at UTEP (2009).

**Conference Call** – The 2010 CBI includes teams from 12 different conferences. Three conferences - Atlantic 10 (3), Colonial Athletic (2), and Ohio Valley (2) - received multiple bids. The other nine conferences represented

are: America East, Horizon, Ivy, Mid-American, Missouri Valley, Mountain West, Pac-10, Southern, and Summit.

**Manning Up** – If you want defense, you have come to the right place. The 2010 CBI will feature no less than five players who were named their league's Defensive Player of the Year. Charleston's Jeremy Simmons (co-Defensive Player) (Southern), Duquesne's Damian Saunders (Atlantic 10), Morehead State's Kenneth Faried (Ohio Valley), Oregon State's Seth Tarver (Pac-10), and VCU's Larry Sanders (CAA) all garnered the award.

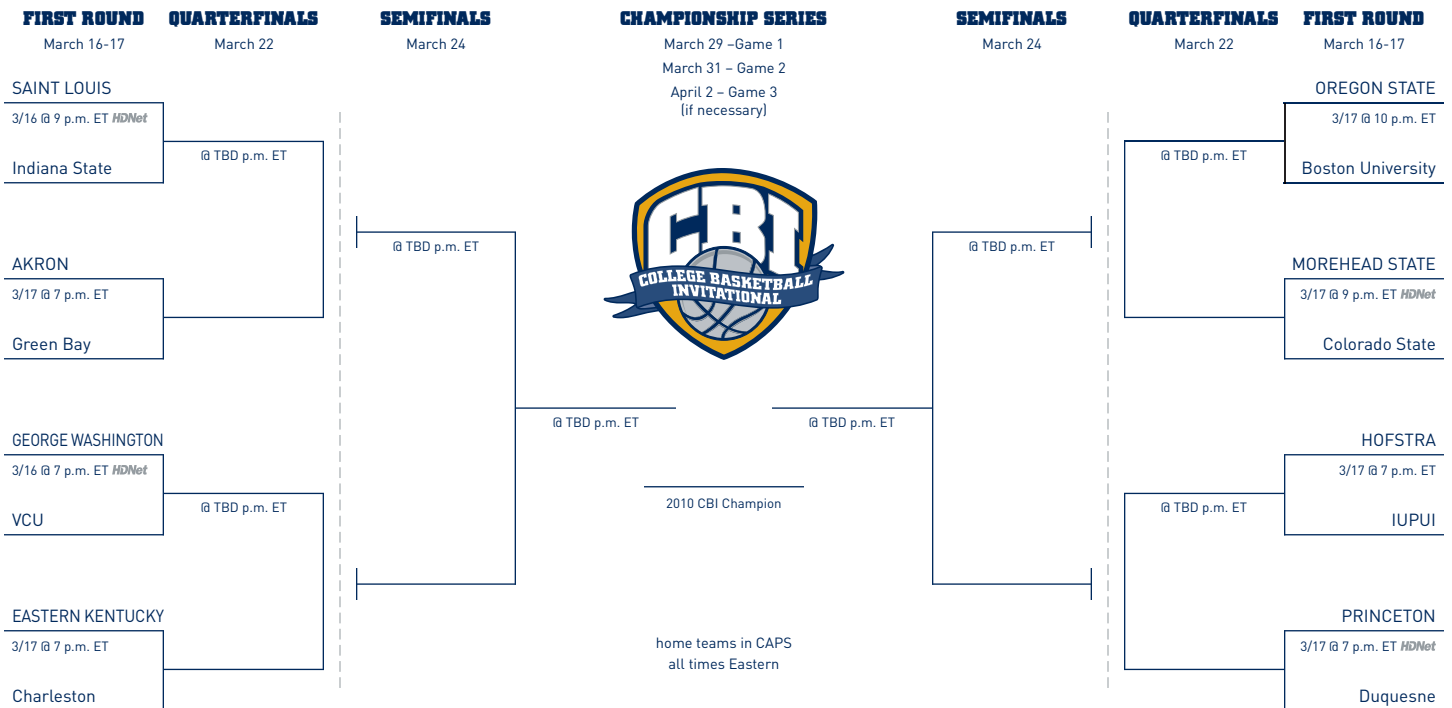
In addition to being named Defensive Player of the Year, Faried was named the Ohio Valley Conference's Player of the Year. Hofstra's Charles Jenkins enters the CBI as the Player of the Year in the Colonial Athletic Association. Alex Young of IUPUI was the Sixth Man of the Year in the Summit League.

In all, 25 players in this year's CBI earned all-conference honors, including 11 first-team selections.

**Welcome Back** – Three teams that participated in the 2009 CBI return in 2010. Green Bay dropped its opener a year ago, falling to Vermont, 76-72; Charleston was victorious in its first game with a 93-91 win at Troy before falling at Richmond, 74-72; and Oregon State won the 2009 CBI with wins over Houston (49-45), Vermont (71-70, OT), and Stanford (65-62, OT) to advance to the Championship Series. There, the Beavers won Games 1 and 3 to earn the CBI title.

**Win, Baby, Win** – Nine teams in this year's CBI field won at least 20 games in 2009-10. Akron and IUPUI lead the way with 24 victories apiece. They are joined by Morehead State (23) VCU (22), Charleston (21), Green Bay (21), Eastern Kentucky (20), Princeton (20), and Saint Louis (20).

## 2010 CBI TOURNAMENT BRACKET



### WHERE TO WATCH THE CBI

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### HDNet TELEVISION SCHEDULE

(all times Eastern)

#### March 16

VCU vs. George Washington – 7 p.m.  
Indiana State vs. Saint Louis – 9 p.m.

#### March 17

Duquesne vs. Princeton – 7 p.m.  
Colorado State vs. Morehead State – 9 p.m.

#### March 22

Quarterfinal – TBD  
Quarterfinal – TBD

#### March 24

Semifinal – TBD  
Semifinal – TBD

#### March 29

Championship Series, Game 1 – TBD

#### March 31

Championship Series, Game 2 – TBD

#### April 2 (if necessary)

Championship Series, Game 3 – TBD