

# **2010 COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL**

**FIRST ROUND**

**MARCH 16 & 17**

**QUARTERFINALS**

**MARCH 22**



**SEMIFINALS**

**MARCH 24**

**CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

**MARCH 29 & 31, APRIL 2**



# GAME 5

## GREEN BAY VS. AKRON

CBI FIRST ROUND - MARCH 17, 2010 - 7 PM ET

JAMES A. RHODES ARENA - AKRON, OHIO

### PROBABLE LINEUPS

GREEN BAY	POS	AKRON	POS
Troy Cotton	G	Anthony Hitchens	G
Rahmon Fletcher	G	Steve McNees	G
Bryquis Perine	G	Jimmy Conyers	F
Randy Berry	F	Chris McKnight	F
Matt Smith	F	Zeke Marshall	C

### PLAYERS TO WATCH



#### RAHMON FLETCHER

Jr. • G • Green Bay

Named first-team All-Horizon League this year after being a second-team all-league performer as a sophomore...he is just the seventh player in Green Bay's

Division I history to be a multi-time honoree...leads the Phoenix in scoring with a 16.1 ppg average...on Jan. 29, Fletcher became the 24th member of the school's 1,000-point club, and he now ranks 17th on the charts...ranks third in the league in scoring in all games (16.1) and finished first in conference-game scoring (17.1)...has scored double figures 23 times this season and 56 times in his career.



#### JIMMY CONYERS

Sr. • F • Akron

Earned Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors as well as a spot on the All-MAC first-team...he is the second straight Akron player to be named

MAC Defensive Player of the Year, following in the footsteps of Nate Linhart...he is also the first Zip to gain a spot on the first-team since 2007...averages 10.1 ppg and a team-best 6.7 rpg...leads the Zips with seven double-doubles on the year...registered a team-high 39 steals this season...earned a fifth year after sitting out his freshman season to focus on academics...is considered one of the team's most athletic players.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER GAMES

Duquesne vs. Princeton • 7 p.m. ET  
Jadwin Gym • Princeton, N.J.

Charleston vs. Eastern Kentucky • 7 p.m. ET  
Alumni Coliseum • Richmond, Ky.

IUPUI vs. Hofstra • 7 p.m. ET  
Mack Sports Complex • Hempstead, N.Y.

Colorado State vs. Morehead State • 9 p.m. ET  
Ellis T. Johnson Arena • Morehead, Ky.

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

### GREEN BAY PHOENIX

21-12 overall, 11-7 Horizon League (3rd)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
0	Bryquis Perine	G	6-3	180	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Vincent)	31	33.2	13.8	2.7	4.2
3	Derek Semenas	G	6-3	175	Fr.	Rosendale, Wis. (Laconia)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	Rian Pearson	G	6-3	190	Fr.	Raytown, Mo. (South)	30	16.2	6.2	2.5	0.7
10	Tony Cotton	G	6-1	180	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Rufus King)	33	32.3	11.8	3.0	1.0
11	Jonathan Anderson	G	5-9	180	Jr.	Ashwaubenon, Wis. (Ashwaubenon)	9	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2
12	Troy Snyder	F	6-5	205	Fr.	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook)	10	5.7	1.7	0.8	0.2
20	Rahmon Fletcher	G	5-10	165	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Paseo)	31	29.8	16.1	1.8	3.0
23	Randy Berry	F	6-9	225	Sr.	Plover, Wis. (Almond-Bancroft)	33	28.8	8.0	8.2	0.9
31	Seth Evans	G	6-0	180	Fr.	Seneca, Ill. (Seneca)	33	18.3	5.1	1.2	1.1
34	Cordero Barkley	F	6-5	200	Sr.	Racine, Wis. (St. Catherine's)	31	18.5	3.9	3.0	0.7
43	Matt Smith	F	6-7	200	Fr.	Whitewright, Texas (Whitewright)	33	11.9	3.2	2.0	0.2
44	Greg LeSage	F	6-8	225	Jr.	Radcliff, Ky. (Columbus State)	18	5.2	0.9	1.3	0.1
50	Pat Nelson	F	6-9	240	Sr.	Rockford, Ill. (Ball State)	33	14.0	2.2	3.5	0.3
55	Clayton Heuer	F	6-9	225	Fr.	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

HEAD COACH - Tod Kowalczyk (eighth season), 135-111 (.548)

ASSISTANT COACHES - Brian Wardle, Jason Kalsow, Angres Thorpe

**ABOUT GREEN BAY** - Head coach Tod Kowalczyk has led the Phoenix to back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in 14 years as Green Bay went 21-12 in 2009-10...junior Rahmon Fletcher garnered first-team All-Horizon League honors, averaging 16.1 ppg...junior Bryquis Perine has handed out a team-high 129 assists to go along with his 13.8 ppg average...the Phoenix are led in rebounding by senior Randy Berry, who has hauled down an average of 8.2 boards a game...Green Bay is making its second straight CBI appearance, marking the first time in 14 years it has made consecutive postseason appearances.

**HOW THEY GOT HERE** - Green Bay finished third in the Horizon League with an 11-7 record...Green Bay won its first round game of the Horizon tournament, downing Youngstown State by an 81-67 count...the Phoenix then fell to Detroit in the quarterfinals.

### AKRON ZIPS

24-10 overall, 12-4 Mid-American Conference (2nd)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
1	Ronnie Steward	G	5-10	175	So.	Columbus, Ohio (Eastmoor)	29	6.0	1.3	0.3	0.5
2	Kyle Petersen	G	6-4	180	So.	Naples, Fla. (Community)	4	1.3	0.0	0.3	0.0
3	Alex Sullivan	G	5-10	175	R-Fr.	Painesville, Ohio (Riverside)	6	2.0	0.5	0.3	0.1
4	Steve McNees	G	6-2	170	Jr.	New Castle, Pa. (Shenango)	34	27.4	8.3	2.2	2.4
5	Brett McClanahan	G	6-4	185	So.	Nitro, W.Va. (Nitro)	34	12.4	3.4	1.5	0.7
12	Darryl Roberts	G	6-0	165	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio (St. Francis DeSales)	34	23.7	7.1	2.4	1.5
13	Nikola Cvetinovic	F	6-8	230	So.	Loznica, Serbia (Virginia Episcopal)	34	20.4	6.9	4.2	1.1
15	Tim Carroll	F	6-5	215	Sr.	Akron, Ohio (Cuyahoga Valley Christian)	15	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.1
23	Brett McKnight	F	6-6	245	Jr.	Lancaster, Ohio (Lancaster)	33	19.2	10.1	4.4	1.3
24	Anthony Hitchens	G	5-9	168	So.	Chillicothe, Ohio (Chillicothe)	33	25.3	8.5	1.8	2.8
30	Chris McKnight	F	6-7	225	Sr.	Lancaster, Ohio (Lancaster)	34	21.0	9.5	4.7	1.4
32	Jimmy Conyers	F	6-5	220	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (National Christian)	34	27.0	10.1	6.7	1.4
40	Steve Swiech	C	6-9	250	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Elizabeth Forward)	6	2.3	1.3	0.2	0.0
42	C.J. Oldham	F	6-5	185	Fr.	Solon, Ohio (Solon)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
44	Zeke Marshall	C	7-0	218	Fr.	McKeesport, Pa. (McKeesport)	34	16.8	5.1	3.9	0.5
54	Mike Bardo	C	6-10	240	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Oak Hills)	29	6.0	0.9	1.3	0.1

HEAD COACH - Keith Dambrot (12th season), 247-131 (.653)

ASSISTANT COACHES - Rick McFadden, Terry Weigand, Lamont Paris

**ABOUT AKRON** - The Zips posted a 24-10 record in 2009-10...four Akron players earned all-conference laurels, led by Jimmy Conyers, who was named to the first-team as well as Defensive Player of the Year...Conyers averages 10.1 ppg and leads the Zips in rebounding (6.7 rpg) and steals (39)...brothers Chris and Brett McKnight both earned honorable mention acclaim from the MAC...Brett averages 10.1 ppg while Chris nets 9.5 ppg...highly-touted 7-0 center Zeke Marshall was named to the All-Rookie team...Marshall leads the MAC with 59 blocked shots...he also averages 5.1 points and 3.9 rebounds a game.

**HOW THEY GOT HERE** - Akron advanced to the title game of the Mid-American Conference tournament, falling to Ohio, 81-75 in overtime...Akron went 12-4 in MAC play to earn the three seed...this is the Zips' third straight postseason appearance.

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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.

The College Basketball Invitational is produced by The Gazelle Group in Princeton, N.J. The Gazelle Group is a sports marketing firm specializing in event production and management, client representation, and sponsorship consulting. For more information, visit [gazellegroup.com](http://gazellegroup.com).

## 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