

2010 COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL

FIRST ROUND

MARCH 16 & 17

QUARTERFINALS

MARCH 22



SEMIFINALS

MARCH 24

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

MARCH 29 & 31, APRIL 2



GAME 13

BOSTON UNIVERSITY VS. VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH
CBI SEMIFINALS - MARCH 24, 2010 - 7 PM ET
VERIZON WIRELESS ARENA - RICHMOND, VA.

PROBABLE LINEUPS

BOSTON UNIV.	POS	VCU	POS
Tyler Morris	G	Bradford Burgess	G
Carlos Strong	G	Ed Nixon	G
John Holland	G/F	Joey Rodriguez	G
Jake O'Brien	F	Larry Sanders	F
Jeff Pelage	C	Jamie Skeen	F

PLAYERS TO WATCH



JOHN HOLLAND

Jr. • G/F • Boston University

Named to the first-team All-America East squad for the second time in as many seasons...he is the first Terrier since 2005 to be named to the

all-conference first-team twice during his career... he is also the first Terrier to ever lead the America East in scoring with a 19.3 ppg scoring average... also averages 6.1 rebounds a game...reached the 1,000-point milestone against Northeastern earlier this season...currently ranks fifth in the BU record book with 1,542 points.



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...entered the CBI third in the conference and 24th in the nation in blocks...he leads the conference in rebounding with 9.2 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 13 times this season.

TONIGHT'S OTHER GAME

Princeton vs. Saint Louis • 9 p.m. ET
Chaifetz Arena • St. Louis, Mo.

Princeton is 22-8 and is led by tandem of sophomore Douglas Davis and junior Dan Mavraides, both of whom were named to the All-Ivy League second-team. Davis leads the Tigers in scoring with a 12.7 ppg average, while Mavraides is tallying 11.6 ppg to go along with a team-best 4.4 rpg. Third-year head coach Sydney Johnson took over a program that had won 11 games prior to his arrival and in three short years has won 22 for the first time since going 22-8 in 1998-99.

The Billikens, under the direction of head coach Rick Majerus, are the youngest team in the country. SLU is 22-11, matching the most wins since a 22-11 campaign in 1997-98. Second-team All-Atlantic 10 pick Kwamain Mitchell leads the Billikens with his 16.2 ppg average. Sophomore Willie Reed nets 12.1 ppg and leads the Bills with an 8.0 rpg average and 69 blocks in garnering honorable mention all-conference acclaim.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY TERRIERS

21-13 overall, 11-5 America East Conference (4th)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
1	Darryl Partin	G	6-6	190	Jr.	Seattle, Wash. (La Salle)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	Matt Griffin	G	5-10	180	Jr.	Narbeth, Pa. (Rider)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	Michael Schulze	G	6-0	185	Sr.	Townsend, Mass. (North Middlesex Region)	15	1.3	0.2	0.3	0.1
14	Patrick Hazel	F	6-6	220	Jr.	Jamaica, N.Y. (Marquette)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
15	Valdas Sirutis	F	6-7	215	Sr.	Gargzdai, Lithuania (Tidewater)	31	16.1	2.0	2.5	0.6
20	Tunde Agboola	G	6-4	197	Sr.	Springfield, Mass. (Methuen)	16	3.9	0.7	0.4	0.1
21	Jake O'Brien	F	6-8	220	So.	Weymouth, Mass. (Boston College)	34	33.1	13.6	6.4	0.5
22	Carlos Strong	G	6-3	215	Sr.	Portland, Maine (Deering)	34	30.5	10.8	4.7	1.8
23	John Holland	G/F	6-5	205	Jr.	Bronx, N.Y. (St. Benedict's Prep (N.J.))	34	34.3	19.3	6.1	1.0
24	Tyler Morris	G	6-2	190	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence North)	26	32.8	10.1	2.9	3.8
25	Brendan Sullivan	F	6-7	205	Sr.	Darien, Conn. (Darien)	22	9.2	0.6	1.2	0.1
32	Jeff Pelage	C	6-9	240	So.	Pompano Beach Fla. (Pine Crest)	34	17.1	3.1	5.4	0.2
34	Sherrod Smith	G/F	6-4	185	So.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)	28	4.8	0.2	0.8	0.2
43	Chris Kurz	F	6-8	210	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa. (Arizona State)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

HEAD COACH - Patrick Chambers (first season), 21-13 (.618)

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH - Orlando Vandross

ASSISTANT COACHES - Brian Daly, Ross Condon

ABOUT BOSTON UNIVERSITY - Boston University, under first-year head coach Patrick Chambers, is 21-13, its 12th 20-win season and first since the 2004-05 campaign...BU is led by two-time first-team All-America East honoree John Holland... Holland is America East's leading scorer at 19.3 ppg and ranks fifth all-time at Boston University...sophomore Jake O'Brien nets 13.6 ppg and leads the team with his 6.4 rpg average...seniors Carlos Strong (10.8 ppg) and Tyler Morris (10.1 ppg) are also scoring in double figures for BU...senior Corey Lowe (15.0 ppg) left the team prior to the win over Morehead State...the Terriers, who entered the CBI averaging 70.8 points per game, are averaging 93.5 ppg in their two CBI games.

HOW THEY GOT HERE - Boston University won its first postseason game since 1959 in downing defending CBI champion Oregon State, 96-78, in the Opening Round. The Terriers then took out Morehead State, 91-89 in overtime, in the Quarterfinal Round.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH RAMS

24-9 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)	32	27.0	14.4	9.2	1.0
2	Issiah Grayson	G	5-11	160	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Findlay Prep)	11	3.7	0.8	0.4	0.4
4	Terrance Saintil	F	6-8	240	So.	North Miami, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)	24	7.8	2.5	2.0	0.3
10	Darius Theus	G	6-3	195	Fr.	Portsmouth, Va. (I.C. Norcom)	32	11.8	2.7	1.0	1.0
11	Kirill Pishchalnikov	F	6-8	265	Sr.	Maykop, Russia (MGGTK AGU)	31	9.1	2.5	2.7	0.2
12	Joey Rodriguez	G	5-10	175	Jr.	Oviedo, Fla. (Lake Howell)	33	32.9	12.5	2.7	5.9
20	Bradford Burgess	G	6-5	215	So.	Midlothian, Va. (Benedictine)	33	28.5	10.4	5.1	1.2
21	Jamie Skeen	F	6-9	245	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Wake Forest)	25	19.9	7.9	4.6	0.9
30	Troy Daniels	G	6-4	195	Fr.	Roanoke, Va. (William Fleming)	23	5.8	2.0	0.6	0.2
32	Brandon Rozzell	G	6-2	185	Jr.	Richmond, Va. (Highland Springs)	33	22.4	8.5	2.2	1.1
34	David Hinton	F	6-8	230	R-Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C. (RJ Reynolds)	7	3.6	0.3	0.9	0.1
42	T.J. Gwynn	F	6-4	205	R-Sr.	Burlington, N.C. (Cummings)	32	15.9	5.2	3.2	1.1
50	Ed Nixon	G	6-4	200	Jr.	St. Petersburg, Fla. (Lakewood)	33	22.2	8.3	2.4	1.8

HEAD COACH - Shaka Smart (first season), 24-9 (.727)

ASSISTANT COACHES - Will Wade, Mike Jones

ABOUT VCU - The Rams are 24-9 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 is atop VCU's statistics chart with 14.4 ppg and 9.2 rpg averages...Sanders is joined on the all-conference team by classmate Joey Rodriguez, who garnered second-team laurels... Rodriguez is second to Sanders with his 12.5 ppg average while his 195 assists top the list...under first-year head coach Shaka Smart, the Rams have recorded their third straight 20-win season.

HOW THEY GOT HERE - VCU received 16 points from Joey Rodriguez and withstood a late GW rally in a 79-73 Opening Round win. The Rams then beat Charleston, 93-86, in the Quarterfinal Round.

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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.

2010 CBI TOURNAMENT NOTES

Third Annual CBI – The third annual College Basketball Invitational tipped off on March 16 with a pair of Opening Round games, with six additional Opening Round games played on March 17. The Quarterfinals took place on Monday, March 22. Semifinal Round action is on Wednesday, March 24.

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

The Next Step – Three members of the 2010 CBI field – Oregon State, Charleston, and Green Bay – participated in last year's CBI. There are now seven programs that have been to multiple CBI events. Of the four which played in 2008 and 2009 – Houston, Nevada, Richmond, and UTEP – Houston, Richmond, and UTEP made the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Houston, which advanced to the 2008 CBI semifinals before losing its Opening Round game in 2009, used its CBI experience to catapult itself into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1992. Richmond, which went to the 2009 CBI semis, reached the NAAs for the first time since 2004. UTEP, the 2009 CBI runner-up, earned its first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 2005.

Home Rule...Not This Year – Home teams posted a 23-11 record in the first two College Basketball Invationals. In 2008, home teams were 13-4, including 3-0 in the Championship Series. In 2009, home teams were 10-7 with Oregon State winning the CBI title on UTEP's home floor. However, this year home teams are just 6-6 on their floors.

Extra Sessions – Prior to Monday night, only two games in the brief history of the CBI went into overtime. The first was in last year's Quarterfinal Round when Oregon State

and Vermont needed five more minutes to decide their game, which the Beavers won, 71-70, on March 23, 2009. Then two nights later, Oregon State needed extra time to beat Stanford, 65-62, in the Semifinal Round. In this year's Quarterfinal Round, three of the four games went into extra sessions, with two of those going into double overtime. Saint Louis beat Green Bay (68-62) and Princeton downed IUPUI (74-68) in 50 minutes while Boston University needed 45 minutes to take out Morehead State (91-89).

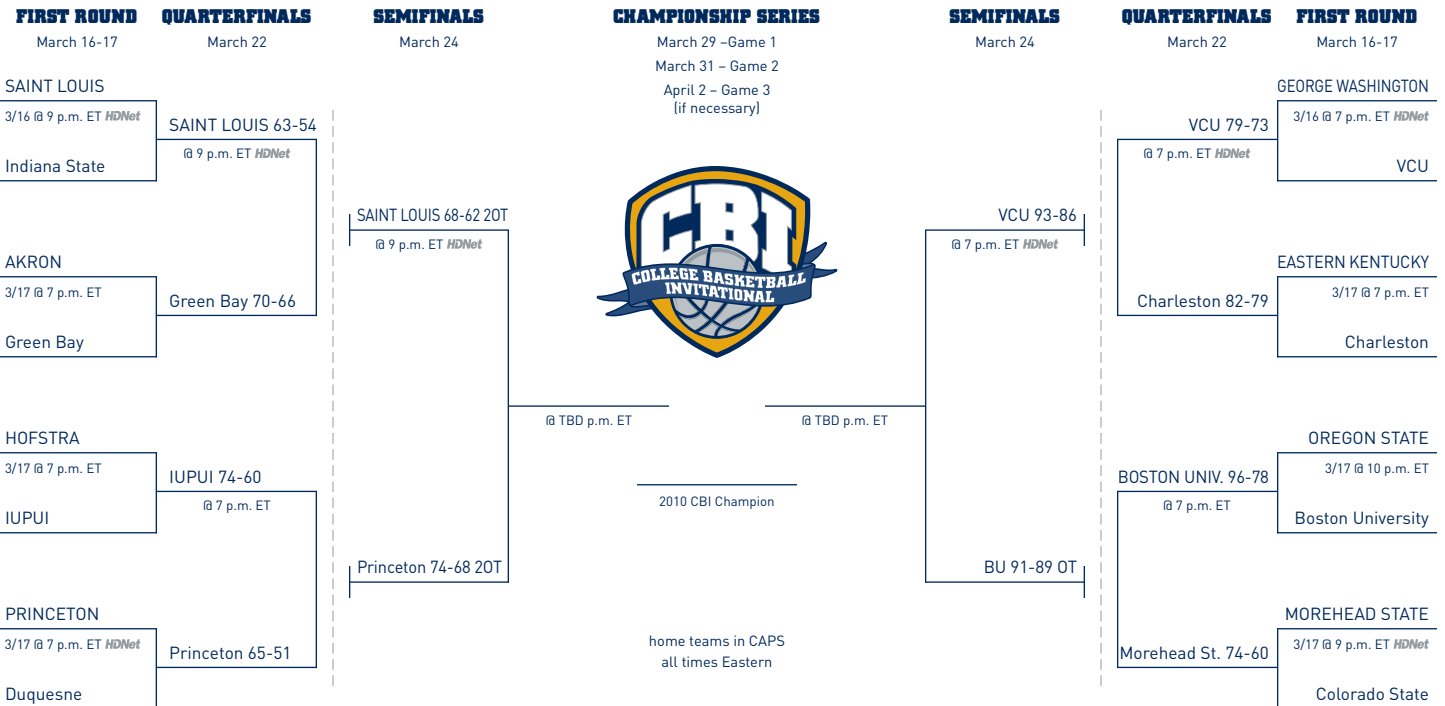
Manning Up – If you want defense, you have come to the right place. The 2010 CBI features no less than five players who were named their league's Defensive Player of the Year. Charleston's Jeremy Simmons (co-Defensive Player) (Southern), Duquesne's Damian Saunders (Atlantic 10), Morehead State's Kenneth 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 entered 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.

Win, Baby, Win – Nine teams in this year's CBI field entered the CBI with at least 20 wins during the 2009-10 season, seven of which won their Opening Round games. Akron and IUPUI led the way with 24 victories apiece. (IUPUI is now at 25.) They are joined by Morehead State (24) VCU (24), Charleston (22), Green Bay (22), Princeton (22), Saint Louis (22), and Eastern Kentucky (20). Its 96-78 win at Oregon State was Boston University's 20th. The Terriers have now won 21 games.

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
Charleston vs. VCU – 7 p.m.
Green Bay vs. Saint Louis – 9 p.m.

March 24
Boston University vs. VCU – 7 p.m.
Princeton vs. Saint Louis – 9 p.m.

March 29
Championship Series, Game 1 – TBD

March 31
Championship Series, Game 2 – TBD

April 2 (if necessary)
Championship Series, Game 3 – TBD