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GAME 9

RHODE ISLAND VS. UCF

CBI QUARTERFINALS - MARCH 21, 2011 - 7 PM ET
UCF ARENA - ORLANDO, FLA.

PROBABLE LINEUPS

RHODE ISLAND	POS	UCF	POS
Marquis Jones	G	Marcus Jordan	G
Jamal Wilson	G	Isaac Sosa	G
Will Martell	C	P.J. Gaynor	F
Nikola Malesevic	F	Keith Clanton	F
Delroy James	F	Dwight McCombs	C

PLAYERS TO WATCH



DELROY JAMES Sr. • F • Rhode Island

The second-team All-A-10 choice is the only player in the country averaging at least 17.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.0 blocks per game...he is also the only player in the A-10 to rank in the top six in scoring (5th, 17.6), rebounding (6th, 7.8), and steals (6th, 1.6) during the regular-season...currently leads the Rams in scoring (17.5 ppg), rebounding (7.8 rpg), steals (53), and blocks (38)...is 19th on URI's all-time career scoring list, with 1,442 points...is 5 points away from 18th (Steve Rowell, 1,447 points).



MARCUS JORDAN So. • G • UCF

Earned a spot on the All-Conference USA second-team...ranks seventh in C-USA in scoring at 15.7 points per game...has scored in double figures in 27 of UCF's 31 contests this season...has made a school single-season record 164 free throws this season...also leads the team in assists per game at 3.4...he is the son of NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan.

TONIGHT'S OTHER GAMES

Davidson @ Creighton • 8 p.m. ET on HDNet
Qwest Center Omaha • Omaha, Neb.

Evansville @ Boise State • 9 p.m. ET
Taco Bell Arena • Boise, Idaho

Duquesne @ Oregon • 10 p.m. ET on HDNet
Matt Arena • Eugene, Ore.

RHODE ISLAND RAMS

20-13 overall, 9-7 Atlantic-10 Conference (6th)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
1	Jamal Wilson	G	6-6	195	Jr.	Norristown, Pa. (Neumann-Goretti)	16	18.7	5.1	3.6	1.1
2	Ben Eaves	F	6-7	225	Sr.	Lancashire, England (Univ. of Connecticut)	30	12.2	3.0	2.6	0.3
5	Marquis Jones	G	6-1	200	Sr.	South Plainfield, N.J. (St. Thomas More Prep)	33	34.7	11.3	3.3	3.8
10	Akeem Richmond	G	6-1	180	So.	Sanford, N.C. (Southern Lee)	33	28.5	9.4	2.4	0.7
12	Orion Outerbridge	F	6-9	210	Jr.	Boston, Mass. (New Hampton School)	20	17.6	6.8	3.1	0.4
15	Blake Vedder	C	7-3	230	Fr.	Chesterland, Ohio (Impact Academy)	5	2.2	0.8	0.2	0.0
21	Delroy James	F	6-8	220	Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. (Laurinburg Prep)	33	34.2	17.5	7.8	2.7
22	Anthony Baskerville	G	5-11	185	Jr.	Newark, N.J. (Science Tech)	16	3.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
23	Nikola Malesevic	F	6-7	220	So.	Uzice, Serbia (Uzicka Gimnazija)	33	27.5	10.5	4.3	1.0
24	Ryan Brooks	F	6-8	220	So.	Mays Landing, N.J. (South Kent School)	26	11.0	1.7	1.7	0.3
32	Will Martell	C	7-0	245	Sr.	Fair Haven, N.J. (The Hun School)	33	22.1	6.3	5.3	0.7
44	Anthony Malhoit	G	6-3	200	Sr.	Waterford, Conn. (UConn Avery Point)	22	3.4	0.3	1.0	0.1

Head Coach – Jim Baron

Assistant Coaches – Kevin Clark, Pat Clarke, Preston Murphy

ABOUT RHODE ISLAND – The Rams are 20-13...with Wednesday's win, the senior class of Marquis Jones, Will Martell, Delroy James, and Ben Eaves became the winningest four-year class in school history, having won 90 games since the 2007-08 season...last year's senior class set the record...head coach Jim Baron has been at the helm of the Rams since the 2001-02 season...senior Delroy James, a second-team All-Atlantic 10 honoree, is the only player in the country averaging at least 17.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, 2.5 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.0 blocks per game...URI is 10-6 in games decided by less than 10 points and 7-1 in games decided by five points or less...Rhody is making its fourth straight postseason appearance.

HOW THEY GOT HERE – Delroy James became the first Ram in history to record a triple-double as Rhody took a 76-59 decision from Miami (Ohio). James posted 22 points, 11 rebounds, and a career-high 10 assists in leading the Rams to victory. Orion Outerbridge tallied 18 points and Akeem Richmond added 16 points.

UCF KNIGHTS

20-11 overall, 6-10 in Conference USA (9th)

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)	G	MIN	PTS	REB	AST
1	Tristan Spurlock	F	6-8	220	So.	Woodbridge, Va. (Univ. of Virginia)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	Jarvis Davis	G	6-1	175	Fr.	Columbia, S.C. (Ridge View)	15	6.1	1.5	1.2	0.9
3	A.J. Rompza	G	5-9	160	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young)	29	24.3	6.2	2.1	3.2
5	Marcus Jordan	G	6-3	205	So.	Chicago, Ill. (Whitney Young)	31	31.3	15.7	2.8	3.4
10	Dwight McCombs	F/C	6-8	245	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. (Moraine Valley C.C.)	30	12.1	3.2	2.6	0.2
11	Isaac Sosa	G	6-3	190	Jr.	Guaynabo, P.R. (Grandview Prep)	31	25.8	8.4	1.8	0.7
12	Taylor Young	G	6-1	185	R-Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (The First Academy)	23	7.5	1.3	0.4	0.8
13	Jeff Jordan	G	6-1	180	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. (Illinois)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
14	Dogukan Kuzucan	G	6-2	175	So.	Istanbul, Turkey (Lincoln Park)	11	1.8	0.5	0.4	0.0
15	David Diakite	F	6-6	215	R-So.	Washington, D.C. (National Christian Acad.)	24	10.8	3.5	2.3	0.3
21	P.J. Gaynor	F	6-8	205	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin)	31	17.2	4.8	3.2	0.9
22	Amara Thompson	G	6-4	180	R-So.	Tucker, Ga. (Tucker)	10	2.3	0.9	0.4	0.2
24	Josh Crittle	F	6-8	250	Jr.	Bellwood, Ill. (Univ. of Oregon)	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	A.J. Tyler	F	6-9	225	R-Sr.	Palm Harbor, Fla. (Clemson Univ.)	24	17.4	5.4	2.9	0.4
32	Isaiah Sykes	G/F	6-5	205	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Denby)	30	15.7	3.6	3.1	0.8
33	Keith Clanton	F	6-8	245	So.	Orlando Fla. (Orlando Christian Prep)	31	30.3	13.8	7.8	1.7
41	Tom Herzog	C	7-0	250	R-Sr.	Flint, Mich. (Michigan State)	27	16.0	5.7	3.6	0.2

Head Coach – Donnie Jones

Associate Head Coach – Shawn Finney

Assistant Coaches – Darren Tillis, Tim Thomas

ABOUT UCF – The Knights are making their fifth postseason appearance since moving to Division I in 1984...this is UCF's first at-large berth to any postseason tournament...first-year head coach Donnie Jones has guided UCF to a 20-11 record in 2010-11, including a 14-4 mark at home...began the year 14-0 and entered the national rankings for the first time in school history, remaining for four weeks...the Knights' win over then No. 16 Florida was the second against a ranked opponent in school history...Marcus Jordan paces the Knights with a 15.7 scoring average...Keith Clanton's 7.8 rebounds a game and 58 blocks lead the Knights, while he ranks second to Jordan in scoring at 13.8 ppg.

HOW THEY GOT HERE – The Knights used a 12-1 spurt to break open a 44-44 game to earn a 69-54 win over St. Bonaventure. UCF got 18 points from Marcus Jordan and 13 points and seven assists from A.J. Rompza to garner the program's first-ever postseason win at the Division I level.

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2011 CBI PRESENTED BY ZEBRA PEN TOURNAMENT BRACKET



ABOUT THE CBI presented by ZEBRA PEN

The College Basketball Invitational presented by Zebra Pen provides a meaningful opportunity for teams that deserve a postseason experience. Sixteen teams compete in this four-year-old postseason event, hosted at on-campus arenas throughout the country.

The event features eight first-round games, four quarterfinal round games, a semifinal round, and then the Championship Series. 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 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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2011 TOURNAMENT NOTES

Fourth Annual CBI presented by Zebra Pen

The fourth annual CBI presented by Zebra Pen began on March 15 with four Opening Round games, with four additional Opening Round games played on March 16. The Quarterfinals are this evening, followed by Semifinal Round action on Wednesday, March 23.

The unique quality of the CBI presented by Zebra Pen is its best-of-three Championship Series, which will be held March 28, March 30, and April 1. One team will host two games should a third game be necessary.

Breeding Success

Six participants in the 2010 CBI presented by Zebra Pen earned berths in the 2011 NCAA Tournament: Akron, Boston University, Indiana State, Morehead State, Princeton, and VCU. Below is a look at how other postseason tournaments fed into this year's NCAA Tournament:

CBI - 6 of 16 (38%)
 NIT - 7 of 32 (22%)
 CIT - 1 of 16 (6%)

Making History

History was made in the Opening Round of the CBI presented by Zebra Pen. Rhode Island's Delroy James became the first player in URI history to record a triple-double when he went for 22 points, 11 rebounds, and a career-high 10 assists in the Rams' 76-59 win over Miami (Ohio) on Wednesday. The win was URI's 20th of the year, giving the current senior class - James, Marquis Jones, Ben Eaves, Will Martell - a school record 90 career wins...Hofstra's Charles Jenkins scored 14 points in the Pride's 77-70 loss at Evansville on Tuesday to become just the 62nd player in NCAA history to score 2,500 career points. He ends his career with 2,513 career points...UCF's 69-54 win over St. Bonaventure on Wednesday marked the first ever Division I postseason win for the Knights.

Believe it...or Not

Games in the CBI presented by Zebra Pen have been the most competitive of the postseason (average margin of victory):

	NCAA	NIT	CBI
2010	10.6 points	8.7 points	9.0 points
2009	12.7 points	9.0 points	6.6 points
2008	13.8 points	12.7 points	7.1 points

Did You Know...

Tulsa (2008) and Oregon State (2009) won the first two CBIs. 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. Last year, VCU became the first team to need only two games to win the CBI crown.

Fantastic

213,587 fans attended games at the first three CBIs.

Conference Call

The 2011 CBI presented by Zebra Pen includes teams from 10 different conferences. They are: Atlantic 10 (3), Big Sky (2), Colonial Athletic (2), Missouri Valley (2), Western Athletic (2), Conference USA, Mid-American, Ohio Valley, Pac-10, and Southern.

What They're Saying...

"The crowd was alive... some sort of living, breathing entity with ear shattering, rock concert, airplane noise. It began to grow as it formed at 3 p.m. to await the chance to get into the building. It flowed down the concourse, filling up the seats like lava flowing out of a volcano. It rocked and rolled and roared."

~ From the *El Paso Times* on Game 2 of the 2009 CBI Championship Series at UTEP

HDNet TELEVISION SCHEDULE (all times Eastern)

March 15

James Madison at Davidson – 7 p.m.
 Austin Peay at Boise State – 9 p.m.

March 16

St. Bonaventure at UCF – 8 p.m.
 Weber State at Oregon – 10 p.m.

March 21

Davidson at Creighton – 8 p.m.
 Duquesne at Oregon – 10 p.m.

March 23

Semifinal – TBD
 Semifinal – TBD

March 28

Championship Series, Game 1 – TBD

March 30

Championship Series, Game 2 – TBD

April 1 (if necessary)

Championship Series, Game 3 – TBD