

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 were played on March 21, followed by Semifinal Round action this evening.

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%)

History Made

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... Creighton and Davidson played a record-setting game in the Quarterfinal Round. The Bluejays and Wildcats combined to score 194 points to establish a CBI standard in a 102-92 Bluejays' win. Creighton's 102 points set a CBI presented by Zebra Pen record.

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.

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

UCF at Creighton – 8 p.m.
Boise State at Oregon – 10 p.m.

March 28

Oregon at Creighton (Game 1) – 8 p.m.

March 30

Creighton at Oregon (Game 2) – 10 p.m.

April 1 (if necessary)

Creighton at Oregon (Game 3) – 10 p.m.