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## College Basketball Invitational Heads Into Quarterfinals

**PRINCETON, N.J.** - The first week of the inaugural [College Basketball Invitational](#) had six of the eight games decided by six points or less (five by three points or fewer), which sets up an exciting second week of games on Monday night.

"I don't think we could have had a better group of games, said Gazelle Group President Rick Giles. "We had close games, with great atmospheres. It made it fun for the fans, teams and those watching on television."

Results from the first round:

### ---- FIRST ROUND----

West Region  
Valparaiso 72, Washington 71  
Houston 80, Nevada 79

South Region  
Utah 81, UTEP 69  
Tulsa 61, Miami (OH) 45

East Region  
Virginia 66, Richmond 64  
ODU 66, Rider 63

Midwest Region  
Bradley 70, Cincinnati 67  
Ohio 80, Brown 74

The Match-ups for the Quarterfinals on March 24th:

ODU (18-15) at Virginia (16-15) 7 p.m. ET (Fox College Sports and Direct TV)

Ohio (20-12) at Bradley (18-15) 8 p.m. ET

Utah (18-14) at Tulsa (21-13) 9 p.m. ET (Fox College Sports and Direct TV)

Valparaiso (22-13) at Houston (23-9) 9 p.m. ET

Click [HERE](#) for an updated bracket.

Houston Head Coach, Tom Penders had this to say after his teams one-point victory over Nevada on Tuesday night, "It was a heck of a game. It had a great tournament atmosphere, super building, super fans! This CBI is going to be something special and its nice to be one of the first 16 teams invited to this. It was like a national championship environment in here. This is going to be a great tournament and we are just proud to be part of it."

Valparaiso Head Coach Home Drew had this to say after his teams one point victory over Washington on Wednesday. "You know what, we love the CBI! We're very appreciative of the CBI and have a chance to lace up and play again, so we're excited about that."

The [College Basketball Invitational](#) is produced by [The Gazelle Group](#) in Princeton, NJ. The Gazelle Group is a sports marketing firm, specializing in event production and management, client representation and sponsorship consulting. Gazelle produces a number of recognized events, including the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic, benefitting Coaches vs. Cancer, the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic and the Legends Classic. For more information, please visit [gazellegroup.com](http://gazellegroup.com)

