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ABOUT COLLEGEINSIDER.COM

CollegelInsider.com was established in 1995, by Joe Dwyer and Angela Lento, as a regional college basketball newsletter. The product became an online presence in 1996, with college coaches taking active participation since 1997.

CollegelInsider.com has developed and implemented unique and creative content such as the Coach Column, The Mid-Major Top 25 and The Runway to the Fashionable 4. The Mid-Major Top 25 is now in its thirteenth year of existence and, with 31 coaches on the voting panel, is nationally regarded as the measuring stick for programs outside of the traditional power conferences. The Runway to the Fashionable 4 has become a national phenomenon, having been featured on ESPN and Fox Sports as well as countless media outlets across the country. Created in 1998 the following continues to grow. The Coach Column feature has become one of the staples of CollegelInsider.com, with active participation from coaches across the country.

CollegelInsider.com has also established 15 prestigious national awards honoring former coaches, including the Lute Olson National Player of the Year award and the Skip Prosser Man of the Year award. Since its inception, CollegelInsider.com has worked with entities such as ACS Sports, Basketball Times, CBS SportsLine.com, FoxSports.com and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). In January of 2003, CollegelInsider.com teamed up with the NABC to establish AllCoachNetwork.com, which is an extensive network of official coaches websites.

Last season CollegelInsider.com created "Shots from the Heart," a season-long event to benefit the American Heart Association and its' efforts to raise awareness for heart disease. The 2010-11 season also marked the debut of the Women's Mid-Major Top 25.

WELCOME TO THE COLLEGEINSIDER.COM POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT

March 2012 will bring with it the fourth annual CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT). The first three tournaments were a major success, rewarding deserving programs from 20 different conferences. In just three seasons, the CIT has provided plenty of excitement while making college basketball history in the process. The 2009 CIT provided the longest game-ending shot in division I postseason history, when Chris Roberts hit a 75-footer at the buzzer to put Bradley into the semifinals. In 2010, the CIT featured Fairfield rallying from 27 points down, with 16:08 remaining in the second half, to defeat George Mason. Fairfield's comeback was the biggest in division I postseason history.

Once again, I am serving as the chairman of the CIT selection committee, which is second to none. CollegenInsider.com has assembled an impressive list of former coaches to identify and reward teams that have had outstanding seasons. Having spent nearly 40 years in the coaching profession, I fully understand the importance of postseason play when trying to build a program.

The CIT was created because of the great number of programs that continued to receive no consideration for postseason play. In 1985 when the NCAA Tournament expanded to 64 teams, there were 282 Division I programs. Combined with the NIT, 96 teams participated in postseason basketball. Today, the number of Division I programs has grown to 345. The competitive balance is better than ever and yet the number of teams participating in the NCAA and NIT tournaments has increased by only 4.

From the very beginning there was never any intent to compare the CIT to the NIT, but rather to provide the possibility of postseason for teams that were not selected to play in the tradition-rich NIT. The foundation of CollegenInsider.com has been built on integrity. I have known Joe Dwyer and Angela Lento for many years and they have always operated with the best interests of college basketball at heart. We firmly believe that the CIT is a great opportunity for your men's basketball program and for the game of college basketball.



Sincerely,

Riley Wallace
Former head Coach
University of Hawaii
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COLLEGEINSIDER.COM AWARDS



The Clarence Gaines Award is presented annually to the top Division II college basketball coach.



The Kyle Macy Award is presented annually to the top freshman in Division I college basketball.



The Ben Jobe Award is presented annually to the outstanding Division I minority college basketball coach.



The John McLendon Award is presented annually to the top coach in all of college basketball, which includes all levels.



The Jack Bennett Award is presented to the non-Division I coach who exemplifies the highest standards of winning with integrity within the coaching profession.

The Kay Yow Award is presented annually to the Division I Women's college basketball coach who exemplifies the highest standards of winning with integrity within the coaching profession.



The Jim Phelan Award is presented annually to the top coach in Division I college basketball.

The Lefty Dreisell Award is presented annually to the top defensive player in Division I college basketball.



The Glenn Robinson Award is presented annually to the top Division III college basketball coach.



The Lou Henson Award is presented annually to the top Division I mid-major college basketball player.



The Joe B. Hall Award is presented annually to the top first-year coach in Division I college basketball.



SKIP PROSSER MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award is presented annually to the Division I coach who exemplifies the highest standards of winning with integrity within the coaching profession.

The Hugh Durham Award is presented annually to the top Division I mid-major college basketball coach.



The Lute Olson National Player of the Year Award is presented annually to the top player in Division I college basketball.



The Don Meyer Award is presented annually to the top NAIA college basketball coach.

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NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

TOURNAMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE

Riley Wallace

(Former head coach, University of Hawaii)

CHAIRMAN OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

Wallace put Hawaii on the college basketball map. Under his guidance, the Rainbow Warriors went to the NCAA Tournament three times. Nine of the school's 12 postseason appearances came during Wallace's tenure, which included a school-record streak of four from 2001-2004

Jack Bennett

(Former head coach, Wisconsin-Stevens Point)

Bennett, the winningest coach in UWSP history with (200-56) led the program to back-to-back Division III National Championships in 2004 and 2005. In 33 years as a coach at the collegiate and high school level, Bennett had just one losing season. In 2011 CollegenInsider.com established the Jack Bennett Award, which will be presented annually to a non-Division I coach who best exemplifies winning with integrity.

Dave Calloway

(former head coach, Monmouth)

Calloway spent 14 seasons as the head coach at Monmouth leading the program to three NCAA Tournaments (2001, 2004, 2006). Calloway played for Monmouth before starting his coaching career there as a graduate assistant in 1991.

Lefty Driesell

(Former head coach, University of Maryland)

Driesell finished his coaching career with an impressive record of 786-394. He took four programs (Davidson, Georgia State, James Madison and Maryland) to the NCAA Tournament and is the only coach in history to win 100 games at four different schools. He is known as the inventor of Midnight Madness and was named the conference coach of the year in four different conferences.

Hugh Durham

(Former head coach, University of Georgia, Jacksonville)

When Durham retired in 2005, he ranked 8th among active Division I coaches in career wins with 633 wins and was the 25th winningest Division I coach in history. He is the only coach in NCAA history to be the all-time winningest coach at three different Division I schools and is one of just 11 coaches to have led two different teams to the NCAA Final Four (Florida State and Georgia).

Pat Flannery

(Former head coach, Bucknell University)

Flannery led Bucknell to new heights. In 2004-05, the Bisons finished the season with a 24-9 record, captured the Patriot League championship and defeated Kansas in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. The following season, Bucknell won a school record 27 wins and was ranked in the Top 25 for the first time in school history.

Antonio Gates

(former All-American at Kent State)

Gates starred in basketball at Kent State (2001-03) where he was an honorable mention AP All-America as senior and led the Golden Flashes to the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament and a school-best No. 12 finish in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll. Now a seven-time Pro Bowler with the San Diego Chargers, he was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team (2000-09).

Jim Harrick

(Former head coach, UCLA, Georgia, Rhode Island)

Jim Harrick is owner of an overall career coaching record of 470-235 including 1 national championship, 3 Elite Eights, 4 Sweet Sixteens, 16 NCAA Tournaments appearances and 9 Conference Championships.

Lou Henson

(Former head coach, University of Illinois, New Mexico State)

Upon his retirement in 2005, Henson was the sixth all-time winningest coach in career wins with 779 and is the all-time winningest at New Mexico State University with 289 wins. He is one of only 11 coaches to take two different schools to the NCAA Final Four (New Mexico State and Illinois).

Arthur Hightower

(former coach and NCAA Administrator)

After time as an assistant coach at the University of Houston and the University of Maine, Arthur spent three years as Assistant Director of Professional Development with the NCAA. He is now entering his eighth season as the Director of Player Development with the San Diego Chargers. In 2007 Hightower received the NFL's Winston-Shell Award for commitment and dedication to developing unique and innovative ideas and solutions.

Brad Holland

(Former head coach, University of San Diego)

In 13 seasons Holland compiled a record of 200-176. The two-time WCC Coach of the Year, Holland led the Toreros to the NCAA Tournament in 2003. The last player ever recruited by the legendary John Wooden Holland helped UCLA to four Pac-10 Championships. The 14th overall selection by the Los Angeles Lakers and a member of the 1980 NBA Championship team

Vincent Jackson

(former All-American at Northern Colorado)

Jackson, who still holds numerous football records at the University of Northern Colorado, led the basketball team in scoring (13.6) in his junior season. As a sophomore, he averaged 10.6 points per game for the Bears. Jackson didn't play basketball in his final season at UNC to focus on a professional football career. Jackson was named to second first Pro Bowl in 2012.

Ben Jobe

(Former head coach, Southern University)

In 12 years at Southern, Jobe compiled a 209-141 record, led the Jaguars to the NCAA tournament four times, went to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) once, won five Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, won 11 Southwestern Athletic Conference Championships, and won two NAIA Tournament Championships.

Jim Kerwin

(Former head coach, Western Illinois University)

The 1998-99 Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year led Western Illinois to three consecutive top-three regular-season finishes and three consecutive Mid-Continent Conference tournament title games (1995-97). Kerwin led Western Illinois to its first 20-win season in 12 years. He began his career as an assistant at the University of Oklahoma (1984-89), helping the Sooners to six NCAA Tournaments.



Larry Little

(Former head coach, University of Hawaii, Centenary College)

Little won 203 games in 14 seasons as a head coach at Hawaii and Centenary College. He averaged 20 wins a season during his time at Centenary. His 1974-75 team, which included future Basketball Hall of Famer, Robert Parish, finished 25-4.

Kyle Macy

(Former head coach, Morehead State University)

Macy coached Morehead State University for nine seasons, leading the program to its most wins (20) in 19 seasons in 2003. A three-time All-America selection, he became the first Kentucky player ever to be named consensus Southeastern Conference (SEC) Player of the Year.

Jim Phelan

(Former head coach, Mount Saint Mary's University)

Phelan coached for 49 seasons, all of them at Mount St. Mary's University, and became just the fourth coach in NCAA history to eclipse the 800-win plateau. During his career, his teams won 830 games. He is the all-time leader in games coached with 1,354 across all NCAA divisions.

Art Santo Domingo

(President of Cable Car Classic)

Santo Domingo founded the Cable Car Classic in 1967 with Harry Jupiter. The Cable Car Classic is the longest running holiday tournament in the nation.

Perry Watson

(Former head coach, University of Detroit Mercy)

The second-winningest coach in Detroit Mercy history, Watson posted nine consecutive winning seasons (1996-2004). His teams claimed three regular-season conference titles and two NCA Tournament berths, posting wins over St. John's University (1998) and UCLA (1999). The Titans' four consecutive 20-win seasons (1998-2001) is a school record.

Rich Zvosec

(Former head coach, University of Missouri-Kansas City)

Rich Zvosec, the author of the book "Birds, Dogs & Kangaroos: Life on the Back Roads of College Basketball," created a reputation as a coach that rebuilds programs. He is the all-time winningest coach at UMKC and was named Mid-Continent Conference Coach of the Year in 2005.

TOURNAMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following will serve in an advisory capacity, helping consult on the organization and execution of the tournament.

- Rick Boyages (Associate Commissioner, Big Ten Conference)
- Clarence Gaines (Coach and son of the legendary Clarence "Big House" Gaines)
- Ed Grom (Commissioner, Great West Conference)
- Don Harnum (Director of Athletics, Rider University)
- Ken Kavanaugh (Director of Athletic, Florida Gulf Coast University)
- Gene Keady (Former head coach, Purdue University)
- Nolan Richardson (Former head coach, University of Arkansas)
- Gary Stewart (Head Coach, Stevenson University and member of the NABC board of directors)
- Dee Stokes (Former Head Women's Coach, Winthrop, Winston Salem State)

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Format

The 2012 CollegenInsider.com Tournament has expanded to 32 teams. The field was increased due the overwhelming interest from schools. The expansion also allows for more regional contests and less travel through the early rounds. All games will be played on campus sites and the old NIT model will be used with future round matchups being determined by the results of the previous rounds, again maintaining regional matchups. The 2009 and 2010 tournaments were 16-team fields. The 2011 CIT consisted of 24 teams.

Schedule * *Subject to change*

The Tournament consists of 31 games played during the month of March 2012.

In an effort to minimize travel and limit class time missed, teams will be bracketed geographically. The official announcement of the 32-team field will be made following the announcements of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Championship and the National Invitation Tournament field respectively.

First-round games	March 13-15
Second-round games	March 16-18
Quarterfinals	March 20-21
Semifinal games	March 23-24
Championship game	March 28



FOX COLLEGE SPORTS

For the fourth time in as many seasons, the CIT Championship game will be broadcast live Wednesday March 28 on Fox College Sports. Once again Dave Baker and Kyle Macy, the television voices of University of Kentucky basketball on The Big Blue Sports Network, will anchor the CIT coverage.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Collegeinsider.com Tournament field will consist of teams not participating in the NCAA or NIT fields. The field will be determined after the official announcements of the two existing tournaments. Criteria for selection will include, but are not limited to, win-loss record, strength of schedule, strength of conference and final ten games.

Participating teams must have at least .500 record, with the Great West Tournament champion being the lone exception. An automatic bid will be awarded to the conference tournament champion of the Great West Conference, with the remaining participants to be determined by the tournament selection committee. Teams from the following conferences will be considered:



- Atlantic 10 Conference
- America East Conference
- Atlantic Sun Conference
- Big Sky Conference
- Big South Conference
- Big West Conference
- Colonial Athletic Association
- Conference USA
- Great West
- Horizon League
- Independents
- Ivy League
- Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
- Mid-American Conference
- Mid-Eastern Conference
- Missouri Valley Conference
- Mountain West Conference
- Northeast Conference
- Ohio Valley Conference
- Patriot League
- Southern Conference
- Southland Conference
- Southwestern Athletic Conference
- The Summit League
- Sun Belt Conference
- Western Athletic Conference
- West Coast Conference





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PARTICIPATING TEAMS



AIR FORCE
15-15 (6-10 MOUNTAIN WEST)



FURMAN
22-10 (12-6 SOUTHERN)



ORAL ROBERTS
19-15 (13-5 SUMMIT LEAGUE)



NORTH DAKOTA
19-14 (8-4 GREAT WEST)



UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
18-13 (9-7 WESTERN ATHLETIC)



JACKSONVILLE
19-11 (13-7 ATLANTIC SUN)



NORTHERN IOWA
19-13 (10-8 MISSOURI VALLEY)



QUINNIPIAC
22-9 (13-5 NORTHEAST)



BUFFALO
18-13 (8-8 MID AMERICAN)



EAST TENNESSEE STATE
22-11 (16-4 ATLANTIC SUN)



HAWAII
18-12 (8-8 WESTERN ATHLETIC)



IONA
22-11 (13-5 METRO ATLANTIC)



NORTHERN ARIZONA
19-12 (9-7 BIG SKY)



UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND
20-11 (7-7 WEST COAST)



RIDER
23-10 (13-5 METRO ATLANTIC)



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
22-11 (9-7 CONFERENCE USA)



SAN FRANCISCO
17-14 (10-4 WEST COAST)



EAST CAROLINA
18-15 (8-8 CONFERENCE USA)



SMU
17-14 (8-8 CONFERENCE USA)



OHIO
18-15 (9-7 MID AMERICAN)



SANTA CLARA
19-14 (8-6 WEST COAST)



WESTERN MICHIGAN
20-12 (11-5 MID AMERICAN)



TENNESSEE TECH
20-12 (12-6 OHIO VALLEY)



VALPARAISO
23-11 (12-6 HORIZON LEAGUE)

RESULTS

FIRST ROUND

BUFFALO 75, QUINNIPIAC 68
MARSHALL 64, OHIO 65
EAST TENNESSEE STATE 76, FURMAN 63
EAST CAROLINA 66, JACKSONVILLE 71 (OT)
NORTHERN IOWA 84, RIDER 50
AIR FORCE 77, NORTH DAKOTA 67

NORTHERN ARIZONA 63, SANTA CLARA 68
HAWAII 76, PORTLAND 64
TENNESSEE TECH 66, WESTERN MICHIGAN 74
IONA 85, VALPARAISO 77
ORAL ROBERTS 57, SMU 64 (OT)
IDAHO 73, SAN FRANCISCO 81

SECOND ROUND

JACKSONVILLE 62, SMU 63
HAWAII 74, SAN FRANCISCO 77

AIR FORCE 75, SANTA CLARA 88
BUFFALO 49, WESTERN MICHIGAN 48

QUARTER-FINALS

NORTHERN IOWA 50, SMU 57
EAST TENNESSEE STATE 82, OHIO 73

BUFFALO 63, IONA 78
SAN FRANCISCO 91, SANTA CLARA 95

SEMI-FINALS

SANTA CLARA 72, SMU 55

EAST TENNESSEE STATE 80, IONA 83

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (FOX COLLEGE SPORTS)

SANTA CLARA 76, IONA 69





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PARTICIPATING TEAMS



UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
23-12 (10-6 BIG WEST CONFERENCE)



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
21-8 (10-4 IVY LEAGUE)



LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
18-16 (7-7 WEST COAST CONFERENCE)



CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
18-16 (10-8 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE)



MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY
24-12 (8-10 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE)



APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
24-13 (13-5 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE)



FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY
23-11 (13-5 METRO ATLANTIC)



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
20-14 (8-8 CONFERENCE USA)

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
22-12 (11-7 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE)



UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND
21-11 (10-4 WEST COAST CONFERENCE)



GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
17-15 (12-6 COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION)



LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY
24-11 (9-7 WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE)



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO
25-8 (12-4 BIG SKY CONFERENCE)



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
24-10 (13-3 CONFERENCE USA)



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA
22-10 (11-1 GREAT WEST CONFERENCE)



MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
19-14 (13-5 SUN BELT CONFERENCE)



RESULTS

FIRST ROUND

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 79, MISSOURI STATE 87
NORTHERN COLORADO 81, PORTLAND 73
LOYOLA MARYMOUNT 76, PACIFIC 86
LOUISIANA TECH 66, SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI 57

MARSHALL 90, WESTERN CAROLINA 88
CREIGHTON 89, SOUTH DAKOTA 78
APPALACHIAN STATE 93, HARVARD 71
FAIRFIELD 101, GEORGE MASON 96 (OT)

QUARTER-FINALS

APPALACHIAN STATE 80, MARSHALL 72
CREIGHTON 73, FAIRFIELD 55

LOUISIANA TECH 40, MISSOURI STATE 69
NORTHERN COLORADO 59, PACIFIC 63

SEMI-FINALS

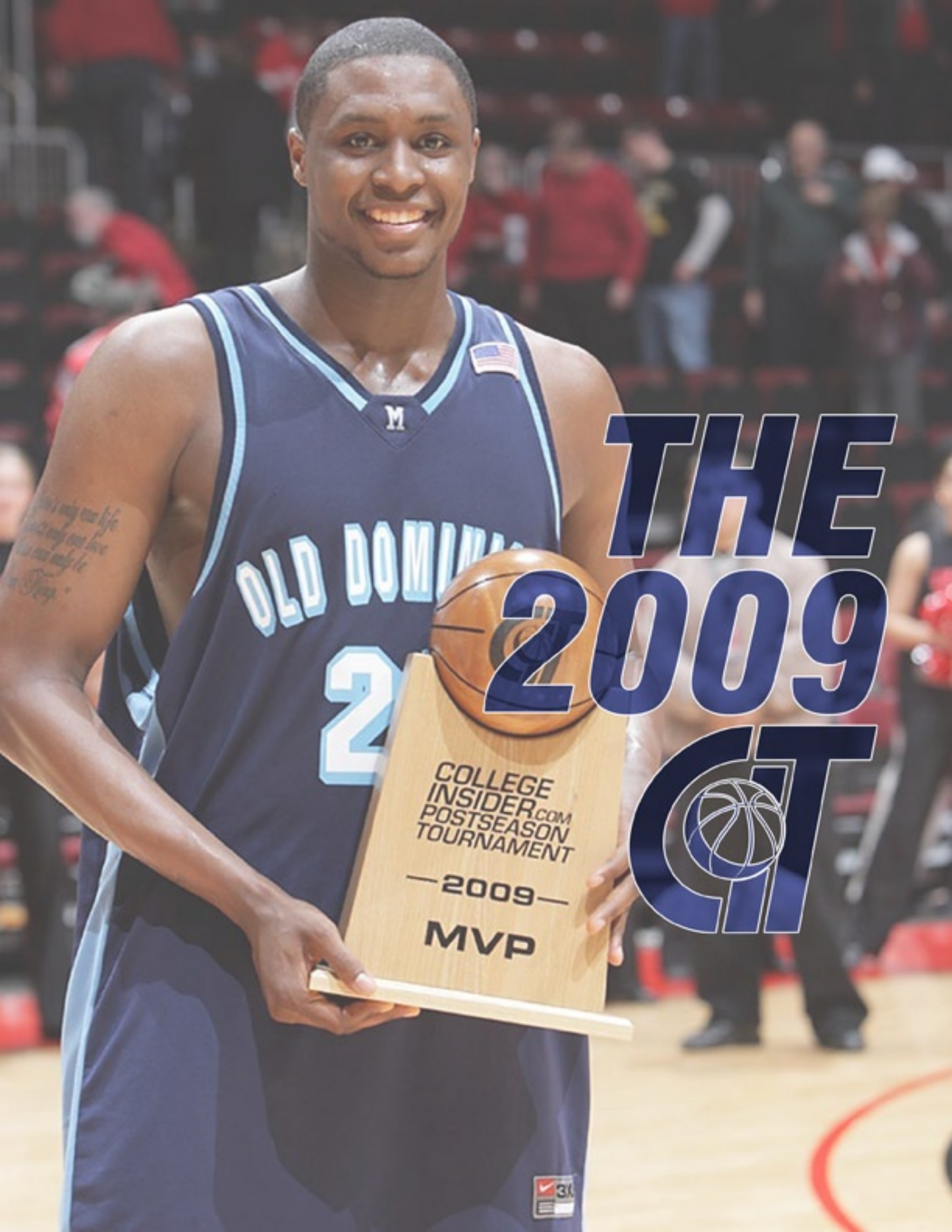
CREIGHTON 61, MISSOURI STATE 67

APPALACHIAN STATE 56, PACIFIC 64

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (FOX COLLEGE SPORTS)

MISSOURI 78, PACIFIC 65





*There is only one life
and only one love
and only he
who stays*

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PARTICIPATING TEAMS



MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY
19-14 (12-6 NORTHEAST CONFERENCE)



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
21-15 (9-9 COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION)



RIDER UNIVERSITY
19-13 (12-6 METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE)



LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
23-12 (12-6 BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE)



BELMONT UNIVERSITY
20-13 (14-6 ATLANTIC SUN CONFERENCE)



UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE
17-14 (8-10 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE)



THE CITADEL
20-13 (15-5 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE)



DRAKE UNIVERSITY
17-16 (7-11 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE)

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
17-16 (9-7 WESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE)



UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND
19-13 (9-5 WEST COAST CONFERENCE)



UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC
21-12 (10-6 BIG WEST CONFERENCE)



OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
25-10 (12-6 COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION)



KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
19-15 (10-6 MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE)



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
23-13 (13-5 THE SUMMIT LEAGUE)



AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY
19-14 (13-5 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE)



BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
21-15 (10-8 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE)



RESULTS

FIRST ROUND

LIBERTY 79, RIDER 64
KENT STATE 74, OAKLAND 80
JAMES MADISON 69, MOUNT ST. MARY'S 58
AUSTIN PEAY 74, BRADLEY 81

BELMONT 92, EVANSVILLE 76
PACIFIC 82, PORTLAND 76
DRAKE 67, IDAHO 69
OLD DOMINION 67, THE CITADEL 59

QUARTER-FINALS

JAMES MADISON 88, LIBERTY 65
BELMONT 62, OLD DOMINION 70

BRADLEY 76, OAKLAND 75
IDAHO 59, PACIFIC 69

SEMI-FINALS

BRADLEY 59, PACIFIC 49

JAMES MADISON 43, OLD DOMINION 81

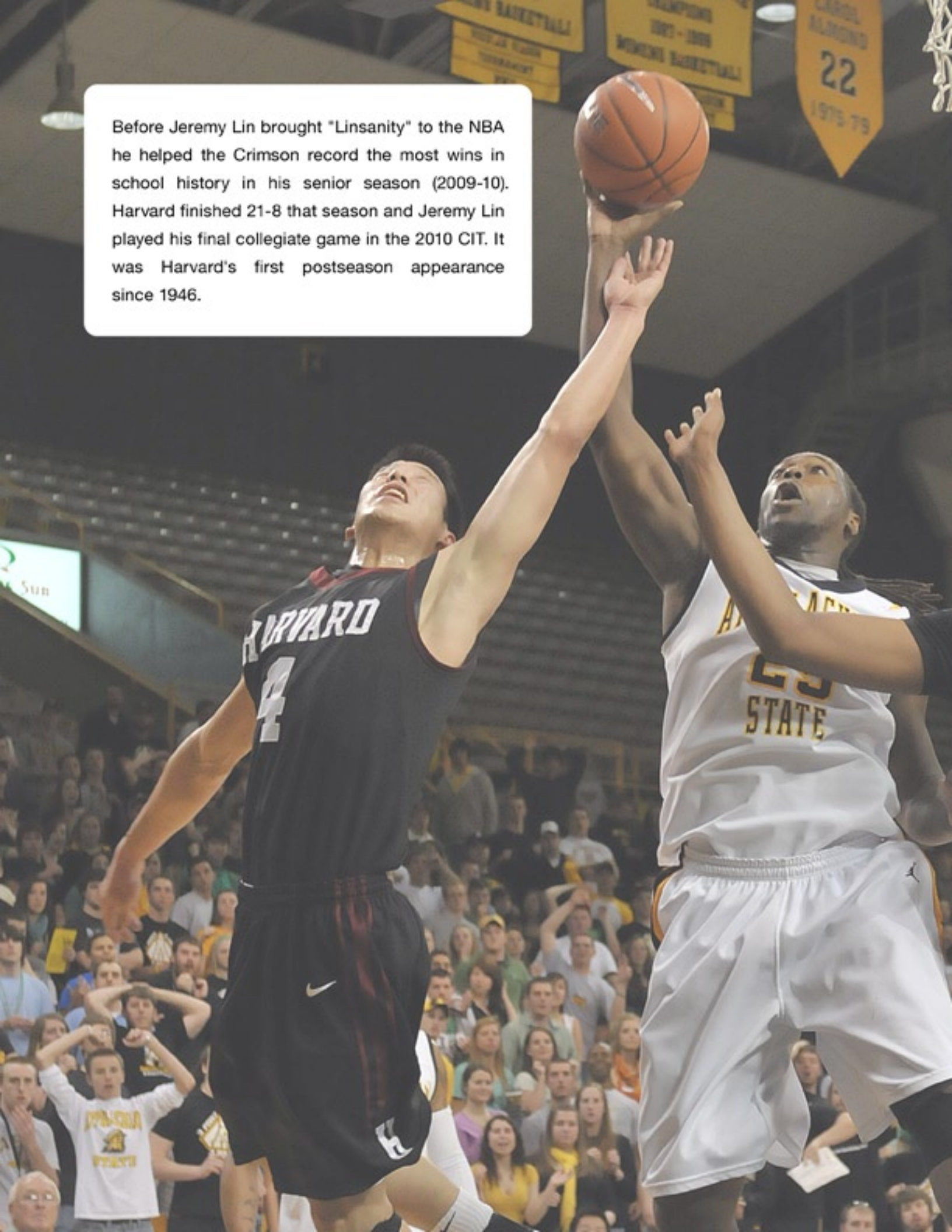
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (FOX COLLEGE SPORTS)



OLD DOMINION 66, BRADLEY 62



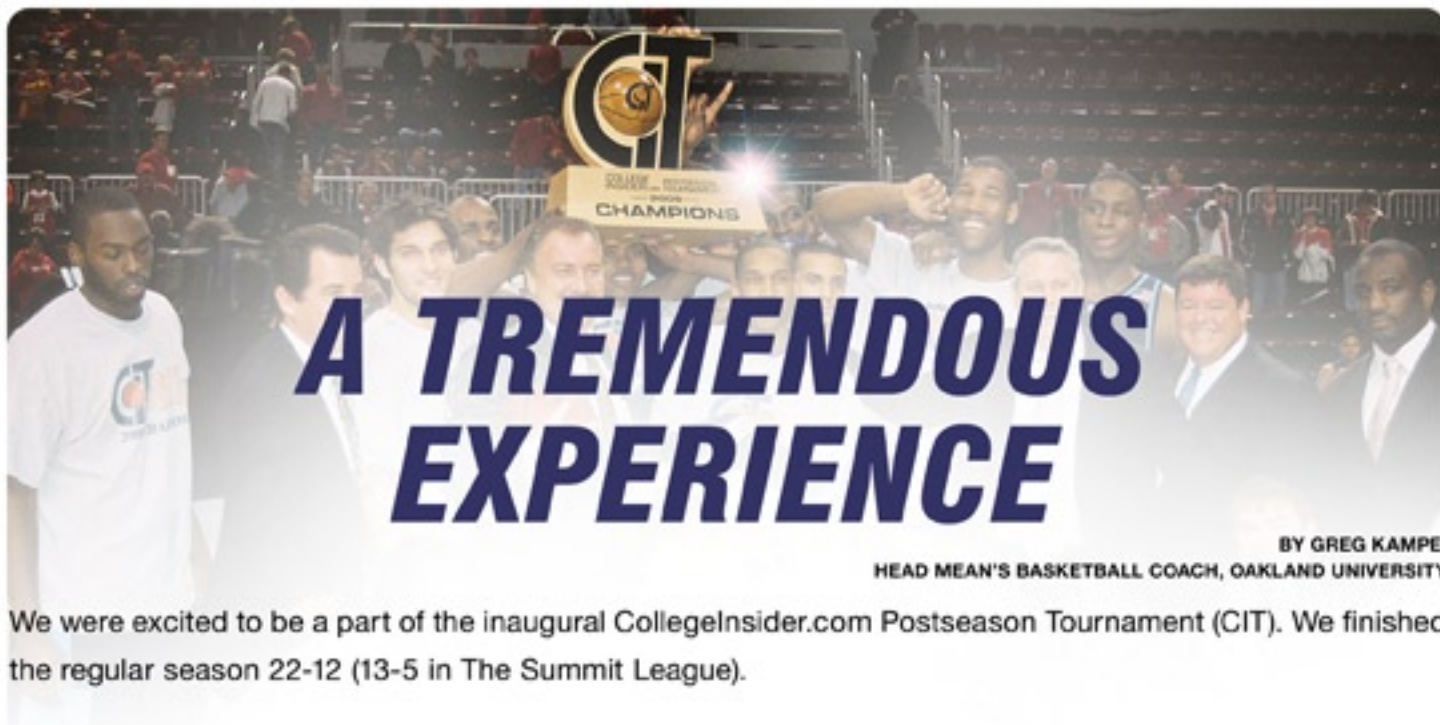
Before Jeremy Lin brought "Linsanity" to the NBA he helped the Crimson record the most wins in school history in his senior season (2009-10). Harvard finished 21-8 that season and Jeremy Lin played his final collegiate game in the 2010 CIT. It was Harvard's first postseason appearance since 1946.





MARCH 16, 2010

Mike Evanovich scored a career-high 32 points, setting a school record with nine three-point baskets to help the Fairfield erase a 27-point second-half deficit en route to a 101-96 overtime win in the first round of the CIT. With 16:08 remaining Fairfield trailed George Mason, 63-36. Fairfield then outscored George Mason 65-28 the rest of the way, which included a five-minute overtime. The 27-point comeback is the biggest in NCAA division I postseason history.



A TREMENDOUS EXPERIENCE

BY GREG KAMPE,
HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

We were excited to be a part of the inaugural CollegelInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT). We finished the regular season 22-12 (13-5 in The Summit League).

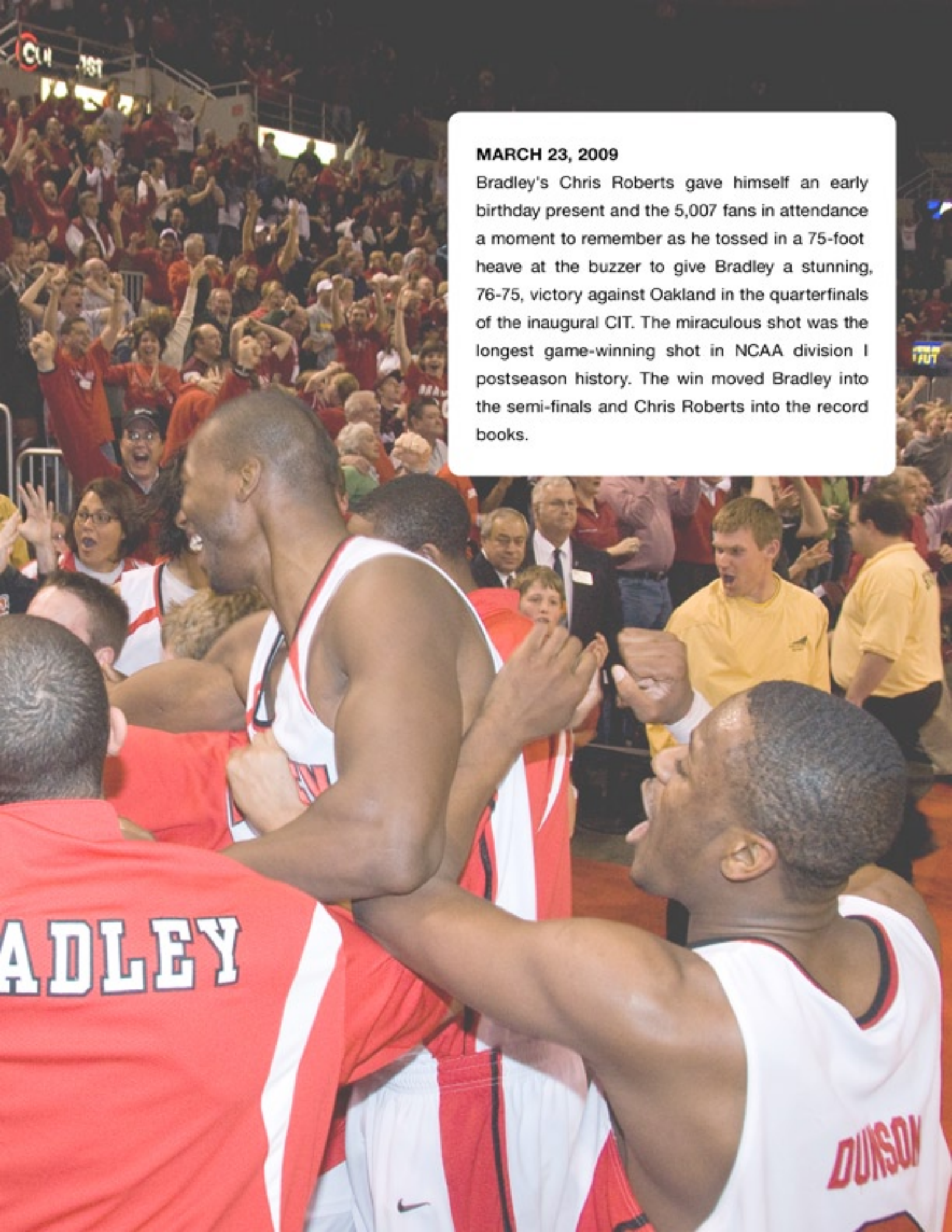
Despite making up nearly two-thirds of men's division I college basketball programs, there are very few postseason opportunities for mid-major schools. The introduction of the CollegelInsider.com Postseason Tournament changed that. The CIT rewarded programs that had outstanding seasons. Receiving an invitation was a big deal for Oakland University and the 15 other participants.

Belmont University had been to three straight NCAA Tournaments, nearly knocking off Duke University in 2008, but for all their successes, they had never won a postseason game at the division I level. Belmont went on the road and beat the University of Evansville in the first round of the CIT. Liberty University also recorded division I postseason wins for the first time in school history, while the University of Idaho and James Madison University each won a tournament game for the first time in over 25 years. The Citadel, a program steeped in tradition, participated in the postseason for the first time in the 167-year history of the college.

The first year of the CIT produced some exciting moments, including a 79-foot buzzer beater by Bradley University against my team. It is the longest shot to win a postseason game in the history of division I college basketball. It certainly was an impressive opening act for the inaugural CollegelInsider.com Postseason Tournament.

The experience, of playing in the 2009 CIT, was the driving force behind our success during the 2009-10 season. We won the both the Summit League regular season and conference tournament championships and participated in the NCAA Tournament. Playing in the CIT was a major benefit to our program.

CollegelInsider.com is one of the most respected entities in our business and there is no doubt in my mind that the CIT has a very bright future. With an ever-growing interest mid-major basketball, the CIT will emerge as "the postseason event" for deserving programs outside the proverbial power conferences.



MARCH 23, 2009

Bradley's Chris Roberts gave himself an early birthday present and the 5,007 fans in attendance a moment to remember as he tossed in a 75-foot heave at the buzzer to give Bradley a stunning, 76-75, victory against Oakland in the quarterfinals of the inaugural CIT. The miraculous shot was the longest game-winning shot in NCAA division I postseason history. The win moved Bradley into the semi-finals and Chris Roberts into the record books.

THE GREAT WEST CONFERENCE



The CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament has contractually agreed to an automatic qualifier bid for the newly formed Great West Conference.

The 2012 Great West Conference tournament takes place March 8-10 in Chicago.

The CIT is the first postseason basketball tournament, other than the NCAA Tournament, to offer an automatic qualifier to a Division I conference tournament champion.



"Our partnership with the CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament has been great for our conference. It has provided the players, coaches and fans of our member schools the opportunity to experience postseason basketball. Our student athletes have been given an opportunity to play for something beyond the regular season and the Great West Conference Tournament."

- Ed Grom, Commissioner of the Great West Conference

"I believe that CollegelInsider.com and Joe Dwyer have hit a homerun with assembling this tournament. Being a part of March Madness is not only a goal, but a dream for all players and coaches. This tournament provides more teams an opportunity to experience that thrill."

- Milan Brown (Head men's basketball coach, Holy Cross University)

"CollegelInsider.com has always been a friend to all of college basketball, but particularly to the smaller programs. I am anxious to watch this tournament develop and would consider it an honor to be a participant when our play warrants an invitation."

- Rick Byrd (Head men's basketball coach, Belmont University)

"We (Fairfield) were thrilled to be a part of the CIT. The selection committee and the entire staff of collegelinsider.com was first class throughout the entire process. It's a great tournament."

- Ed Cooley (Head Coach, Providence College)

"Joe Dwyer and Angela Lento have been great advocates for college basketball and the CollegelInsider.com Postseason Tournament is yet another example of their commitment to do things with the best interest of the game in mind. The CIT is a first-class event in every way. Joe, Angela and CollegelInsider.com are great for the game of college basketball."

- Jim Larranaga (Head Coach, University of Miami)

"Simply put -- this is great for college basketball. Since its inception, CollegelInsider.com has done what is in the best interest of the game. They have always maintained a high level of integrity and have done so much to further promote so many programs. Creating a postseason tournament is just the latest example of their outstanding contributions to our sport."

- Bob Marlin (Head coach, University of Louisiana-Lafayette)

"The creation of this tournament is just another example of the outstanding effort that we have come to expect from CollegelInsider.com."

- Lute Olson (Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame)

"The people at CollegelInsider.com have done an outstanding job with the CIT. The CIT is truly great for college basketball."

- Buzz Peterson (Head men's basketball coach, University of North Carolina Wilmington)

"Prior to accepting a bid I spoke with many coaches who had played in the CIT and they all raved about the quality of the people and the tournament. Participating in the CIT was great for our program. Riley Wallace, the entire selection committee and the staff at CollegelInsider.com was outstanding."

- Murry Bartow (Head men's basketball coach, East Tennessee State)

"Our postseason experience in the CIT could not have been more positive. The fact that there were so many good and deserving teams that competed reinforces the idea that there is a place for a tournament of this nature. When you walk into a locker room and you see kids crying with tears of joy, that makes you feel good about the whole experience, not only for our student-athletes, but also for the university and fans."

- Blaine Taylor (Head men's basketball coach, Old Dominion University)

"It was a fantastic experience for our players, coaches and fans. I highly recommend the CollegelInsider.com Postseason Tournament. It was a great experience for our players, fans and the University."

- Bob Thomason (Head men's basketball coach, University of Pacific)

NFL SUPERSTARS JOIN THE CIT SELECTION COMMITTEE

San Diego Chargers Antonio Gates and Vincent Jackson will help select teams for the CIT

BOSTON (MA) -- NFL superstars Antonio Gates and Vincent Jackson, of the San Diego Chargers, have joined the selection committee for the CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).

"I am looking forward to working with CollegenInsider.com," said Gates. "Rewarding teams that have had outstanding seasons is something that I applaud. It will be great to work with Vincent [Jackson] and everyone on the selection committee to assemble to field for the 2011 CIT."

Gates, a six-time Pro Bowler, is one of the most highly decorated tight ends in NFL history. Named to the NFL's All-Decade Team (2000-09), Gates starred in basketball at Kent State (2001-03) where he was an honorable mention AP All-America as senior and led the Golden Flashes to the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament and a school-best No. 12 finish in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll. In 2003 the San Diego Chargers signed Gates as free agent. In 2010 he was named to the CollegenInsider.com Mid-Major All-Decade Basketball Team.



Jackson, who still holds numerous football records at the University of Northern Colorado, led the basketball team in scoring (13.6) in his junior season. He also averaged 5.6 rebounds and 3.1 assists per contest and was fourth on the team with 24 steals in 2003-04. As a sophomore, he averaged 10.6 points per game for the Bears. Jackson, who was drafted in the second round (61st overall) by the San Diego Chargers in 2006, didn't play basketball in his final season at UNC to focus on a professional football career. Jackson was named to his first Pro Bowl in 2010.



"I have always loved the game of basketball and I followed it even closer since I played at Northern Colorado," said Jackson. "In 2010 UNC had its' best season in school history and that culminated with an appearance in the CollegelInsider.com Postseason Tournament. I am looking forward to being a part of the process to select teams to participate in the CIT."



SHOTS FROM THE HEART

THE 2ND ANNUAL SHOTS FROM THE HEART TOURNAMENT

Free throw shooting tournament will help to create awareness for heart disease

BOSTON (MA) -- The participants for the 2nd Annual 'Shots from the Heart' tournament, presented by CollegelInsider.com, were announced.

John Beilein (Michigan) Mike Brey (Notre Dame), Johnny Dawkins (Stanford), Matt Doherty (SMU), Steve Donahue (Boston College), Travis Ford (Oklahoma State), Mark Gottfried (NC State), Anthony Grant (Alabama), Seth Greenberg (Virginia Tech), Fred Hoiberg (Iowa State), Andy Kennedy (Ole Miss), Jim Larranaga (Miami), Jeff Lebo (East Carolina), Chris Mack (Xavier), Sean Miller (Arizona), Josh Pastner (Memphis), Buzz Peterson (UNC-Wilmington), Dave Rice (UNLV), Mike Rice (Rutgers), Bill Self (Kansas), Brad Stevens (Butler) and Bruce Weber (Illinois) are among the college basketball coaches that will compete in the free-throw shooting contest to help raise awareness for the growing problem of heart disease.

The event, which also includes a tournament for assistant coaches, will benefit the Skip Prosser Foundation. The former Wake Forest head coach passed away on July 26, 2007 of a heart attack.

"I am honored to be involved in this event and to be part of the Skip Prosser Foundation," says Virginia Tech head coach Seth Greenberg. "We have all been touched by heart disease in one way or another and this is a great way in which to create awareness and educate people of this crippling and potentially fatal condition. It's also a way to carry on the legacy of Skip Prosser who was a great friend to the coaching profession."

Coaches will not have to actually compete against each other on the same court. Each coach will shoot 25 free throws at his convenience. A member of the athletic department will tally the results and the coach with the most points would advance. Shots 1-10 are worth 1 point, 11-15 are worth 2 points, 16-20 are worth 3 points, 21-24 are worth 4 points and shot 25 is worth 5 points.

"The idea was to create awareness for heart disease through competition," says ColleagueInsider.com co-founder Angela Lento. "We wanted to create something that coaches could have fun with. The fun but competitive nature of this event is something that I am sure coach Prosser would have enjoyed."

The American Heart Association is also part of the event and is one of the beneficiaries of the Skip Prosser Foundation, which was established in 2011.

Skip Prosser spent 21 years as collegiate head coach at Loyola (MD), Xavier and Wake Forest. He made 18 postseason appearances and is the only coach in NCAA history to take three separate schools to the NCAA Tournament in his first year coaching the teams. In 2008 ColleagueInsider.com created the Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award, which is given annually to the coach who not only achieves success on the basketball court but who also displays moral integrity off the court as well.

Fans can follow the season-long event at www.collegeinsider.com/shots



