

### IN THE 2019 CIT...

It was an historical postseason tournament for HBCUs. Hampton and Texas Southern both advanced to the CIT semifinals. It was best postseason run for the Pirates and Tigers (division I era) and the two schools combined to win six games in the CIT, which is the most for HBCUs in any postseason tournament in NCAA history. Only two free throws, in the closing seconds, kept Grambling State from adding to the win total. But the 2019 CIT was still the first-ever division I postseason appearance for Grambling.

- Charleston Southern: Won the first-ever postseason game in school history. The Bucs have been a Division I program for 45 years.
- Cornell: Made its' first postseason appearance in nearly a decade.
- FAU: Made just the second postseason appearance in program history and the first since 2002. It was the first time the Owls finished with a winning record in eight years.
- **FIU**: Won the first postseason game in school history. The Panthers also reached the 20-win plateau for the first time in 21 years and just the third time in school history.
- **Grambling**: Made its first-ever postseason appearance in 42 seasons as a Division I member.
- **Green Bay**: Made the deepest postseason run in school history. Sandy Cohen III, who is the one of the best players in program history, reached the 1,000-point plateau.
- **Hampton**: Made the deepest postseason run, since the 1982 NAIA tournament. Became the first HBCU to win the Coach McLendon Classic, which is played annually in the first round of the CIT.



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- IUPUI: Made its' first postseason appearance in nearly a decade.
- Marshall: Won a postseason tournament for the first time in school history. In the first round Jon Elmore became the school's all-time leading scorer. He would finish with 2,636 career points. Prior to 2019, Marshall's best postseason run came in 1967, when the Thundering Herd reached the NIT semifinals.
- Presbyterian: Made its' first-ever postseason appearance and picked up the program's first two postseason wins. The Blue Hose also reached 20 wins for the first time ever.
- Saint Francis Brooklyn: Made just its' second postseason appearance in over 50 years.
- **Southern Utah**: Won its' first-ever postseason game. The 2019 CIT was just the second-ever postseason appearance for the Thunderbirds in school history.
- Texas Southern: Set a program record with 24 wins and made the program's deepest division I postseason run. The Tigers won three games. Prior to 2019 the Tigers had just one postseason win in 42 seasons as a DI member.



## IN THE 2018 CIT...

Liberty advanced to the CIT semifinals. It was another step forward for the program, which two years earlier finished six games under .500 and didn't win its' first Division I game until January. The Flames won four games in the CIT over the past two years. Liberty has a total of five postseason wins in school history and they have all come in the CIT. Liberty also has the distinction of playing in and winning the first-ever CIT game in 2009.

- Abilene Christian: Made its first-ever postseason appearance.
- Austin Peay: Won its' first postseason game since the 2004 NIT.
- **Central Michigan**: Won two games in a postseason tournament for the first time since the 1975 NCAA Tournament.
- Northern Colorado: Went on to win the CIT and set a school record with 26 wins.
- Sam Houston State: The Bearkats won two games in the 2018 CIT. Sam Houston has won four postseason games in school history and they have all come in the CIT.
- San Diego: Won two games in a postseason tournament for just the second time in school history.
- UIC: The Flames won three games in a postseason tournament for the first time in school history.
- UTSA: Won the second-ever postseason game in school history.

## IN THE 2017 CIT...

The Retrievers won three games and advanced to the CIT semifinals. The following season UMBC would go on the road to defeat top seed Vermont in the America East Championship game. Less than a week later they became the first No. 16 seed to ever beat a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Retrievers defeated the No. 1 overall seed Virginia, 74-54. In the previous eight seasons prior to the 2017 CIT, the Retrievers averaged just eight wins a year. UMBC had never won a postseason game prior to the 2017 CIT.

- Campbell: Picked up the first two postseason wins in school history.
- **Furman**: The Paladins won two games in a postseason tournament for the first time in school history.
- Saint Francis (PA): Won its' first postseason game since the 1955 NIT.
- Saint Peter's: Won the school's first postseason game since the 1980 NIT and went on to win the 2017 CIT.
- Samford: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- Texas A&M Corpus Christi: The Islanders won four games in the CIT to raise their CIT total to six. Prior to 2014 the program had never won a postseason game.



## IN THE 2016 CIT...

Columbia won a school-record 24 games, which included a victory over UC Irvine in the championship game. Two years earlier the Lions won two games in the CIT, including a thrilling buzzer-beating game-winner from Maodo Lo at Valparaiso. Prior to the 2014 CIT, Columbia had two postseason wins in school history. In two appearances in the CIT the Lions won six postseason games.

- Army: The Black Knights made their first postseason appearance since 1978, when Mike Krzyzewski was the head coach.
- Coastal Carolina: Picked up the first three postseason wins in school history.
- Fordham: The Rams made their first postseason appearance since 1991.
- Furman: The Paladins rallied from 10 down with less than 2 minutes remaining to beat UL Monroe at the buzzer for their second-ever postseason win and first since 1974.
- Grand Canyon: Picked up the first two postseason wins in school history and set a school record for wins in a season with 27.
- Jackson State: Won its' first postseason game since 1993.
- New Hampshire: The Wildcats picked up their first postseason win in school history and won 20 games for the first time in program history, dating back to 1903.
- NJIT: Prior to 2015 the Highlanders had never been in the postseason. They
  got six postseason wins in last two years in the CIT and both times advanced
  to the semifinals.
- **UT Arlington**: Picked up a win and set a then school record for wins in a season with 24.
- **UC Irvine**: Advanced to the CIT championship games and its 28 wins are the most in school history.
- **UT Martin**: Prior to 2015 had never won a postseason game. They had four postseason "road wins" in last two years in the CIT.

## IN THE 2015 CIT...

NJIT defeated New Hampshire to secure the first postseason win in program history. The Highlanders also beat Cleveland State and Canisius, before falling in the CIT semifinals on the road at Northern Arizona. The three victories helped NJIT to a school-record 21 wins. Just a few years earlier the Highlanders had struggled through a two-year stretch in which they compiled a 1-59 record.

- Bowling Green: The Falcons won their first postseason game since 1975.
- **Dartmouth**: Made its' first postseason appearance since the 1959 NCAA Tournament.
- Eastern Kentucky: Won two games in a postseason tournament for the first time ever.
- Eastern Illinois: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- **Evansville**: The Purple Aces won the 2015 CIT. Evansville has 11 postseason wins in school history and eight have come in the CIT.
- **High Point**: The Panthers won the first postseason game in school history.
- Incarnate Word: Made its' only postseason appearance in school history.
- New Hampshire: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Northern Arizona: The Lumberjacks won the first postseason game in program history and would win a total of four on their way to championship game.
- Sacramento State: The Hornets made their first-ever postseason appearance and picked up the school's first-ever postseason win.
- Saint Francis (PA): Made its' first postseason appearance since the 1991 NCAA Tournament.
- UMES: Made its' first postseason appearance since the 1974 NIT.
- **UT Martin:** Won its' first ever postseason game, won two more and advanced to the CIT semifinals.

### IN THE 2014 CIT...

Cameron Payne's late free throws lifted Murray State past Missouri State in the first round. The Racers then returned home and knocked off Nebraska-Omaha, Towson and Pacific to advance to the championship game. MSU held off a late rally to beat Yale and capture the title. Payne was named the MVP and one year later became the third player from the CIT to be an NBA Lottery selection.

- Columbia: The Lions made their first postseason appearance since 1968.
   Columbia's two wins in the 2014 CIT matched the program's all-time postseason wins total.
- Eastern Michigan: Won its first postseason game since 1996 NCAA Tournament.
- Grand Canyon: Made its first-ever postseason appearance.
- Omaha: Made the first postseason appearance in school history and picked up the first postseason win in program history.
- **Pacific**: The Tigers won three games in the 2014 CIT. The Tigers have 12 postseason wins in school history and eight have come in the CIT.
- **Purdue-Fort Wayne**: Made the first postseason appearance in school history and picked up the first postseason win in program history.
- Sam Houston State: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- Texas A&M Corpus Christi: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- Towson: Picked up the first postseason win in school history.
- VMI: The Keydets won their first postseason game since the 1977 NCAA
   Tournament. VMI's three wins in the 2014 CIT matched the program's all-time postseason wins total.
- Yale: The Bulldogs won four games and advanced to the 2014 CIT championship game. Prior to 2014 Yale had just one postseason win in school history.



## IN THE 2013 CIT...

East Carolina started playing basketball in 1931, but had never won a postseason game. They changed that with a 66-65 first round win over Savannah State. The Pirates won the next three games, by an average of 19 points, to advance to the championship. In front of more than 10,000 fans at Weber State, the Pirates used a late surge to set the stage for Akeem Richmond. With time running down, Richmond launched a three-pointer, which went through the net as time expired.

- Cal Poly: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Canisius: Won its' first postseason game since the 1995 NIT.
- Chicago State: Made its' only postseason appearance in school history.
- Eastern Kentucky: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- **Elon**: The Phoenix made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- **Gardner-Webb**: The Bulldogs made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Hartford: The Hawks made its' first postseason appearance in school history.
- High Point: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Loyola MD: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- Oral Roberts: Won its' first postseason game since the 1975 NIT.
- Rider: The Broncs won a postseason game for the first time in school history.
- Tulane: The Green Wave won its' first postseason game since the 1996 NIT.
- UC Irvine: Won its' first postseason game since the 1986 NIT.
- UIC: Won the first postseason game in school history.

## IN THE 2012 CIT...

Damian Lillard led Weber State to its' first postseason win since the 1999 NCAA Tournament. Lillard led the Wildcats with 21 points in the victory. Four months later Lillard was selected No. 6 overall by the Portland Trail Blazers. After a stellar first season, Lillard was the named the NBA Rookie of the Year. He was just the fourth unanimous selection in NBA history and it marked the first time since 1955 that a tournament other than the NCAA Tournament had produced the NBA Rookie of the Year.

- CSU Bakersfield: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Drake: The Bulldogs won their first postseason game since 1975.
- Fairfield: Won three games in the 2012 CIT. Fairfield has won six postseason games in school history and four of them have come in the CIT.
- Georgia State: The Panthers won their first postseason game since 2001.
- Loyola Marymount: Won its' first postseason game since the program's 1990 run to the Elite 8 in the NCAA Tournament.
- Mercer: Won the first postseason game in school history and went on to win the 2012 CIT.
- Rice: The Owls won their first postseason game since the 1993 NIT.
- Robert Morris: Won its first postseason game since the 1983 NCAA Tournament.
- Toledo: Won its' first postseason game since 2001.
- USC Upstate: The Spartans made the first postseason appearance in school history and picked up the first postseason win in program history.
- Utah State: The Aggies won their first postseason game since 2001.
- Utah Valley: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.

# IN THE 2011 CIT...

Santa Clara captured the tournament championship the hard way. After beating Northern Arizona and Air Force at home the Broncos went on the road and defeated San Francisco, SMU and Iona. Santa Clara became the first team to ever win three straight road games to win any postseason tournament. The first-round win over NAU was the school's first postseason win since beating Maryland in the 1996 NCAA Tournament.

- East Carolina: Made its' first postseason appearance since 1993
   NCAA Tournament.
- ETSU: Won its' first postseason game since the 1992 NCAA Tournament. ESTU's two wins in the 2011 CIT matched the program's all-time postseason win total.
- Furman: Made its' first postseason appearance since the 1991 NIT.
- Iona: The Gaels won their first postseason game since the 1983 NIT and advanced to the CIT championship game. Iona has won five postseason games in school history and three have come in the CIT.
- North Dakota: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Quinnipiac: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Santa Clara: Won its' first postseason game since 1996 and won the 2011 CIT.



## IN THE 2010 CIT...

George Mason led Fairfield by 27 points with 16:08 remaining in regulation. The Stags rallied, but still trailed by three with less than a second remaining. Mike Evanovich, who made a school-record nine three-pointers, connected from beyond the arc to send the game to overtime. Fairfield won the thriller 101-96, completing the biggest comeback in NCAA postseason history. It was Fairfield's first postseason win since the 1973 NIT.

- Appalachian State: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- Creighton: Won two games in the same postseason for the first time in school history.
- **Harvard**: The Crimson made its' first postseason appearance since the 1946 NCAA Tournament.
- Loyola Marymount: The Lions made first postseason appearance since the program's 1990 run to the Elite 8 in the NCAA Tournament.
- Marshall: The Thundering Herd won its' first postseason game since the 1967 NIT.
- Middle Tennessee: Made first postseason appearance since 1989.
- Northern Colorado: Made the first postseason appearance in school history and picked up the first postseason win in program history.

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- **South Dakota**: The Coyotes made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Southern Miss: Made first postseason appearance since 2001.
- Western Carolina: Participated in the postseason for the first time since 1996 NCAA Tournament.

### IN THE 2009 CIT...

Bradley advanced to the championship game of the inaugural CIT, but the Braves most memorable game came in the quarterfinals. Oakland took a two-point lead with 0.9 seconds remaining. The game appeared over, but Chris Roberts took the inbounds pass and let it fly from 75 feet away and it was good. The 75-footer is the longest game-winning buzzer beat in NCAA postseason history

- Belmont: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- The Citadel: Made the first postseason appearance in school history.
- Evansville: The Purple Aces made their first postseason appearance since 1999 NCAA Tournament.
- Idaho: Won its' first postseason game since the 1982 NCAA Tournament.
- James Madison: The Dukes won their first postseason game since the 1983 NCAA Tournament.
- Liberty: Won the first postseason game in school history.
- Oakland: Made the first postseason appearance in school history and picked up the first postseason win in program history.

