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Women's Field Announced for 2010 Paradise Jam Island Division Basketball Tournament

Seattle, Washington – The U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament directors released the 2010 women's Island Division basketball tournament field and brackets today. The four team NCAA division I women's basketball teams participating in the 11th annual event include **Iowa State, West Virginia, Virginia and TCU**. The tournament is held annually in November at the University of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas, USVI.

All four of the tournament's participants earned berths in the NCAA Tournament in March, with Iowa State advancing to the Sweet 16 before falling to eventual national champion and 2007 Paradise Jam alumni, UConn. West Virginia succumbed in the second round to San Diego State. Virginia and TCU both lost in extremely close games in the first round. NCAA tournament-hardened teams such as these help to make the U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam Island Division one of the most competitive, neutral-court, early-season tournaments in America.

Three of this year's Island Division teams make return visits to the islands. Virginia was the runner-up in the 2005 St. Thomas Division tournament; West Virginia placed 3rd in the 2003 St. John Division Tournament; and Iowa State placed third in the 2003 St. Thomas Division Tournament.

The Paradise Jam Island Division is a Multiple Team Event (MTE) tournament. An MTE tournament counts as only two games against a team's annual maximum of 29 games, despite playing three games at the tournament.

Competition in the Island Division tournament begins on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, at 2:00 PM with a matchup between TCU and West Virginia, followed by the 4:15 PM game between Virginia and Iowa State. Games continue on November 26th with West Virginia vs. Virginia at 2:00 PM and Iowa State vs. TCU at 4:15 PM. Competition concludes on November 27th at 2:00 PM with Virginia vs. TCU followed at 4:15 PM by Iowa State vs. Virginia.

All game times are listed as Atlantic Standard Time, which is one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time. Games will be played at the U.V.I. Sports and Fitness Center, the Caribbean's premier basketball facility located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

In 2009 Paradise Jam Island Division action, Notre Dame beat Oklahoma to claim the championship. Oklahoma won a rematch of the game to advance to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. South Carolina finished ahead of San Diego State to earn third place in the event.