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

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

Three of the four tournament's participants earned berths in the NCAA Tournament in March, with Tennessee advancing to the Sweet 16 before falling to eventual Final Four participant and 2008 Paradise Jam alumni, Baylor. Georgetown made it to the 2nd Round before also succumbing to Baylor. Georgia Tech lost 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.

Two of this year's Reef Division teams make return visits to the islands. Tennessee claimed the St. John Division championship in 2005 and Georgia Tech was the runner up in the 2003 St. John Division Tournament.

The Paradise Jam Reef 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 Reef Division tournament begins on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, at 6:45 PM with a matchup between Missouri and Tennessee, followed by the 9:00 PM game between Georgia Tech and Georgetown. Games continue on November 26th with Georgetown vs. Missouri at 6:45 PM and Tennessee vs. Georgia Tech at 9:00 PM. Competition concludes on November 27th at 6:45 PM with Georgia Tech vs. Missouri followed at 9:00 PM by Georgetown vs. Tennessee.

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 the 2009 Paradise Jam Reef Division Rutgers, Southern California and Texas all finished 2-1. Rutgers claimed the championship using the tie-breaker criteria. Southern California finished 2nd, Texas finished 3rd and the Reef Division was rounded out by Mississippi State.