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Women's Field Announced for 2011 Paradise Jam Island Division Basketball Tournament

Seattle, Washington – The U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament directors released the 2011 women's Island Division basketball tournament field and brackets today. The four team NCAA division I women's basketball teams participating in the 12th annual event include **Louisiana Tech, Alabama, Seton Hall and Old Dominion**. The tournament is held annually in November at the University of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas, USVI.

Three of the tournament's participants earned berths in post season tournaments in March. Louisiana Tech was invited to the NCAA. They fell to three time Paradise Jam alumna, Rutgers, in the first round. Alabama and Old Dominion both played in the Women's NIT. Alabama advanced to the Sweet 16 before falling to Toledo. Old Dominion fell in the first round to Loyola (MD). Postseason 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 Island Division teams make return visits to the islands. Alabama placed 3rd in the 2005 St. Thomas Division Tournament and Old Dominion placed 5th in the 2007 St. Thomas Division. Louisiana Tech and Seton Hall are making their first trips to the islands.

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 24th, at 2:00 PM with a matchup between Alabama and Old Dominion, followed by the 4:15 PM game between Louisiana Tech and Seton Hall. Games continue on November 25th with Seton Hall vs. Alabama at 2:00 PM and Old Dominion vs. Louisiana Tech at 4:15 PM. Competition concludes on November 26th at 2:00 PM with Seton Hall vs. Old Dominion followed at 4:15 PM by Louisiana Tech vs. Alabama.

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 2010 Paradise Jam Island Division action, West Virginia beat Iowa State to claim the championship. Virginia finished ahead of TCU to earn third place in the event.

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Women's Field Announced for 2011 Paradise Jam Reef Division Basketball Tournament

Seattle, Washington – The U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam tournament directors released the 2011 women's Reef Division basketball tournament field and brackets today. The four team NCAA division I women's basketball teams participating in the 12th annual event include **Marquette, Michigan, Prairie A&M and Washington State**. 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 postseason tournaments in March. Marquette beat two time Paradise Jam alumna, Texas, in the first round of the NCAA tournament, before falling to two time Paradise Jam alumna, Tennessee. Prairie View A&M was also earned a berth in the 2011 NCAA Tournament. They succumbed in the first round to Paradise Jam alumna, Baylor. Michigan was invited to the Women's National Invitation Tournament. They fell in the first round to Eastern Michigan. Postseason 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.

Marquette is making a return trip to the islands to defend their 2006 St. John Division championship. The three other teams in the Reef Division are making their first trips to the islands.

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 24th, at 6:45 PM with a matchup between Michigan and Prairie View A&M, followed by the 9:00 PM game between Marquette and Washington State. Games continue on November 25th with Prairie View A&M vs. Marquette at 6:45 PM and Michigan vs. Washington State at 9:00 PM. Competition concludes on November 27th at 6:45 PM with Washington State vs. Prairie View A&M followed at 9:00 PM by Marquette vs. Michigan.

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 2010 Paradise Jam Reef Division Georgetown stunned Tennessee to capture the 2010 crown. Georgia Tech beat Missouri to claim 3rd place.