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### 2004 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS---The 64-team field competing for the 2004 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship was announced today by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.

Tennessee (26-3) tops the bracket as the overall No. 1 seed after winning its seventh consecutive regular-season Southeastern Conference title. Duke (27-3), Penn State (25-5) and Texas (28-4) round out the remaining No. 1 seeds.

Thirty-one conferences were granted automatic bids for the 2004 championship, and the remaining 33 teams were selected at-large. The Big East Conference placed the most teams in the championship bracket with eight, followed by the Big 12 Conference and the Southeastern Conference with seven each.

First- and second- round games will be played at 16 sites Saturday, March 20 and Monday, March 22 and Sunday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 23. The 16, second-round winners will advance to the four regional sites. The East Regional (Hartford Civic Center, Hartford, Conn.) and the West Regional (Bank of America Arena, Seattle) will be Saturday, March 27 and Monday, March 29, while the Mideast Regional (Ted Constant Convocation Center, Norfolk, Va.) and the Midwest Regional (Lloyd Noble Center, Norman, Okla.) will be

Sunday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 30. The four regional winners will meet in the NCAA Women's Final Four, April 4 and 6, at the New Orleans Arena (18,211) in New Orleans.

Louisiana Tech and Tennessee continued their appearance streaks as both have participated in all 23 Division I Women's Basketball Championships. Conversely, five teams are making their first trip to the tournament this year: Colgate, Eastern Michigan, Lipscomb, Loyola Marymount and Marist.

In the 22-year history of the Division I Women's Basketball Championship, 11 schools have captured the national title, with Tennessee leading the way with six and Connecticut with four. Last year, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Connecticut captured its second straight national championship and third in four years with a 73-68 victory over Tennessee in front of a crowd of 28,210.

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**2004 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS (31)**

Conference	Team	Record	Previous Appearances			Last Appearance
			App.	Won	Lost	
America East	Maine	25-6	6	1	6	2000
Atlantic Coast	Duke	27-3	10	24	10	2003
Atlantic Sun	Lipscomb	20-11	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Atlantic 10	Temple	21-9	2	1	2	2002
Big East	Boston College	25-6	4	4	4	2003
Big Sky	Montana	27-4	14	6	14	2000
Big South	Liberty	25-6	7	0	7	2003
Big Ten	Purdue	27-3	14	30	13	2003
Big 12	Oklahoma	23-8	6	11	6	2003
Big West	UC Santa Barbara	25-6	9	5	9	2003
Colonial	Old Dominion	25-6	20	32	19	2003
Conference USA	Houston	27-3	2	0	2	1992
Horizon	Wis.-Green Bay	23-7	6	1	6	2003
Ivy	Pennsylvania	17-10	1	0	1	2001
Metro Atlantic	Marist	20-10	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Mid-American	Eastern Mich.	22-7	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Mid-Continent	Valparaiso	20-11	1	0	1	2003
Mid-Eastern	Hampton	17-12	2	0	2	2003
Missouri Valley	Southwest Mo. St.	28-3	11	14	11	2003
Mountain West	New Mexico	23-7	3	2	3	2003
Northeast	St. Francis (Pa.)	25-5	7	0	7	2003
Ohio Valley	Austin Peay	23-7	4	0	4	2003
Pacific-10	Stanford	24-6	17	37	15	2003
Patriot	Colgate	21-9	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Southeastern	Vanderbilt	24-7	16	26	16	2003
Southern	Chattanooga	28-2	5	0	5	2003
Southland	Northwestern St.	24-6	1	0	1	1989
Southwestern	Southern U.	17-12	1	0	1	2002
Sun Belt	Middle Tenn.	23-7	7	2	7	1998
West Coast	Loyola Marymount	24-5	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Western Athletic	Louisiana Tech	27-2	22	63	20	2003

**2004 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
AT-LARGE SELECTIONS (33)**

Team	Conference	Record	Previous Appearances			Last Appearance
			App.	Won	Lost	
Arizona	Pacific-10	24-8	5	5	5	2003
Auburn	Southeastern	21-8	15	27	15	2000
Baylor	Big 12	24-8	2	1	2	2002
UCLA	Pacific-10	17-12	7	7	7	2000
Colorado	Big 12	22-7	11	17	11	2003
Connecticut	Big East	25-4	15	47	11	2003
DePaul	Conference USA	22-6	8	3	8	2003
Florida	Southeastern	18-10	9	8	9	2002
George Washington	Atlantic 10	22-7	10	12	10	2003
Georgia	Southeastern	22-9	20	38	20	2003
Iowa	Big Ten	16-12	14	16	14	2002
Kansas St.	Big 12	24-5	7	6	7	2003
LSU	Southeastern	23-7	13	16	13	2003
Marquette	Conference USA	21-9	6	1	6	2000
Maryland	Atlantic Coast	17-12	12	12	12	2001
Miami (Fla.)	Big East	22-6	5	2	5	2003
Michigan St.	Big Ten	21-8	4	2	4	2003
Minnesota	Big Ten	21-8	3	4	3	2003
Mississippi	Southeastern	17-13	14	15	14	1996
Missouri	Big 12	17-12	7	4	7	2001
North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	24-6	15	24	14	2003
North Carolina St.	Atlantic Coast	17-14	16	17	16	2001
Notre Dame	Big East	19-10	10	19	9	2003
Ohio St.	Big Ten	20-9	12	14	12	2003
Penn St.	Big Ten	25-5	19	23	19	2003
Rutgers	Big East	21-11	14	19	14	2003
Tennessee	Southeastern	26-3	22	80	16	2003
Texas	Big 12	28-4	19	28	18	2003
TCU	Conference USA	24-6	3	3	3	2003
Texas Tech	Big 12	24-7	16	27	15	2003
Villanova	Big East	22-6	7	6	7	2003
Virginia Tech	Big East	22-7	6	6	6	2003
West Va.	Big East	21-10	2	2	2	1992

**2004 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
TEAMS BY CONFERENCE**

\*Automatic Qualifier

**America East (1)**

Maine\*

**Atlantic Coast (4)**

Duke\*

Maryland

North Carolina

North Carolina St.

**Atlantic Sun (1)**

Lipscomb\*

**Atlantic 10 (2)**

George Washington

Temple\*

**Big East (8)**

Boston College\*

Connecticut

Miami (Fla.)

Notre Dame

Rutgers

Villanova

Virginia Tech

West Virginia

**Big Sky (1)**

Montana\*

**Big South (1)**

Liberty\*

**Big Ten (6)**

Iowa

Michigan St.

Minnesota

Ohio St.

Penn St.

Purdue\*

**Big 12 (7)**

Baylor

Colorado

Kansas St.

Missouri

Oklahoma\*

Texas

Texas Tech

**Big West (1)**

UC Santa Barbara\*

**Colonial (1)**

Old Dominion\*

**Conference USA (4)**

DePaul

Houston\*

Marquette

TCU

**Horizon (1)**

Wis.-Green Bay\*

**Ivy (1)**

Pennsylvania\*

**Metro Atlantic (1)**

Marist\*

**Mid-American (1)**

Eastern Mich.\*

**Mid-Continent (1)**

Valparaiso\*

**Mid-Eastern (1)**

Hampton\*

**Missouri Valley (1)**

Southwest Mo. St.\*

**Mountain West (1)**

New Mexico\*

**Northeast (1)**

St. Francis (Pa.)\*

**Ohio Valley (1)**

Austin Peay\*

**Pacific-10 (3)**

Arizona

UCLA

Stanford\*

**Patriot (1)**

Colgate\*

**Southeastern (7)**

Auburn

Florida

Georgia

LSU

Mississippi

Tennessee

Vanderbilt\*

**Southern (1)**

Chattanooga\*

**Southland (1)**

Northwestern St.\*

**Southwestern (1)**

Southern U.\*

**Sun Belt (1)**

Middle Tenn.\*

**West Coast (1)**

Loyola Marymount\*

**Western Athletic (1)**

Louisiana Tech\*

**2004 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
NUMBER OF APPEARANCES BY TEAMS**

23rd APPEARANCE (2)

(every year since 1982)

Louisiana Tech

Tennessee

21st APPEARANCE (2)

Georgia (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-93-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

Old Dominion (1982-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

20th APPEARANCE (2)

Penn St. (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

Texas (1983-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-96-97-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

19th APPEARANCE (none)

18th APPEARANCE (1)

Stanford (1982-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

17th APPEARANCE (3)

North Carolina St. (1982-83-84-85-86-87-89-90-91-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-04)

Texas Tech (1984-86-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

Vanderbilt (1986-87-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-2000-01-02-03-04)

16th APPEARANCE (3)

Auburn (1982-83-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-93-94-96-97-99-2000-04)

Connecticut (1989-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

North Carolina (1983-84-85-86-87-92-93-94-95-97-98-99-2000-02-03-04)

15th APPEARANCE (5)

Iowa (1986-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-96-97-98-2001-02-04)

Mississippi (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-94-95-96-2004)

Montana (1983-84-86-88-89-90-91-92-94-95-96-97-98-2000-04)

Purdue (1989-90-91-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

Rutgers (1986-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-98-99-2000-01-03-04)

14th APPEARANCE (1)

LSU (1984-86-87-88-89-90-91-97-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

13th APPEARANCE (2)

Maryland (1982-83-84-86-88-89-90-91-92-93-97-2001-04)

Ohio St. (1982-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-93-96-99-2003-04)

12th APPEARANCE (2)

Colorado (1988-89-92-93-94-95-96-97-2001-02-03-04)

Southwest Mo. St. (1991-92-93-94-95-96-98-99-2000-01-03-04)

11th APPEARANCE (3)

Duke (1987-95-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

George Washington (1991-92-94-95-96-97-98-2000-01-03-04)

Notre Dame (1992-94-96-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

10th APPEARANCE (2)

UC Santa Barbara (1992-93-97-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)

Florida (1993-94-95-96-97-98-99-2001-02-04)

NINTH APPEARANCE (1)

DePaul (1990-91-92-93-95-96-97-2003-04)

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EIGHTH APPEARANCE (7)

UCLA (1983-85-90-92-98-99-2000-04)  
Kansas St. (1982-83-84-87-97-2002-03-04)  
Liberty (1997-98-99-2000-01-02-03-04)  
Middle Tenn. (1983-84-85-86-88-96-98-2004)  
Missouri (1982-83-84-85-86-94-2001-04)  
St. Francis (Pa.) (1996-97-98-99-2000-02-03-04)  
Villanova (1986-87-88-89-2001-02-03-04)

SEVENTH APPEARANCE (5)

Maine (1995-96-97-98-99-2000-04)  
Marquette (1994-95-97-98-99-2000-04)  
Oklahoma (1986-95-2000-01-02-03-04)  
Virginia Tech (1994-95-98-99-2001-03-04)  
Wis.-Green Bay (1994-98-99-2000-02-03-04)

SIXTH APPEARANCE (3)

Arizona (1997-98-99-2000-03-04)  
Chattanooga (1989-92-2001-02-03-04)  
Miami (Fla.) (1989-92-93-98-2003-04)

FIFTH APPEARANCE (3)

Austin Peay (1996-2001-02-03-04)  
Boston College (1999-2000-02-03-04)  
Michigan St. (1991-96-97-2003-04)

FOURTH APPEARANCE (3)

Minnesota (1994-02-03-04)  
New Mexico (1998-2002-03-04)  
TCU (2001-02-03-04)

THIRD APPEARANCE (5)

Baylor (2001-02-04)  
Hampton (2000-03-04)  
Houston (1988-92-2004)  
Temple (1989-2002-04)  
West Va. (1989-92-2004)

SECOND APPEARANCE (4)

Northwestern St. (1989-2004)  
Pennsylvania (2001-04)  
Southern U. (2002-04)  
Valparaiso (2003-04)

FIRST APPEARANCE (5)

Colgate (2004)  
Eastern Mich. (2004)  
Lipscomb (2004)  
Loyola Marymount (2004)  
Marist (2004)