

Mean Green Women Invited to Preseason NIT

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The field for the prestigious women's college basketball tournament includes 11 teams that played in the postseason last season. Baylor, BYU, Dartmouth, Hartford, North Carolina State, Purdue, St. John's and Stanford played in the NCAA Tournament, and Belmont, Hofstra and Idaho State qualified for the Postseason WNIT field. They will be joined by High Point, Iona, Loyola-Marymount, North Texas and Wichita State in this fall's Preseason WNIT.

The single-elimination tournament opens Nov. 9 and Nov. 10 with first-round games. Second-round games will be played on Nov. 12-13, semifinals on Nov. 15-16 and the championship is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 19. All games are played on home campuses, which are determined after each round.

In last year's Preseason WNIT, Connecticut defeated Oklahoma and went on to a 32-5 season, advancing to the NCAA's Elite Eight round.

First-round games:

All 2005-2006 team records in parentheses

Thursday, Nov. 9

Belmont (22-8) at Purdue (26-7), 7 p.m. ET

Iona (17-12) at St. John's (22-8), 7 p.m. ET

High Point (20-10) at N.C. State (19-12), 7 p.m. ET

Loyola-Marymount (17-12) at Stanford (26-8), 7 p.m. PT
Friday, Nov. 10

Dartmouth (23-7) at Hartford (27-4), 7 p.m. ET

North Texas (19-8) at Baylor (26-7), 7 p.m. CT

Hofstra (19-12) at Wichita State (15-13), 7 p.m. CT

Idaho State (17-13) at BYU (26-6), 7 p.m. MT

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