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### 2002 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS---The 64-team field competing for the 2002 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship was announced today by the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.

Connecticut (33-0) tops the bracket as the overall No. 1 seed after going through an undefeated regular season and conference tournament in the Big East Conference. Oklahoma (27-3), Duke (27-3) and Vanderbilt (27-6) round out the remaining three No. 1 seeds.

Thirty-one conferences were granted automatic bids for the 2002 championship and the remaining 33 teams were selected at-large. The Southeastern Conference placed the most teams in the championship bracket with eight, followed by the Big 12 Conference with seven and the Big Ten Conference with six.

First- and second- round games will be played at sixteen campus sites March 15 and 17 or March 16 and 18. The winners advance to four regional sites to be held on March 23 and 25. The regional sites are: East - Raleigh, North Carolina (Entertainment and Sports Arena); Midwest - Milwaukee, Wisconsin (U.S. Cellular Arena); Midwest - Ames, Iowa (James H. Hilton Coliseum); and West - Boise, Idaho (Boise State University Pavilion).

The four regional winners will meet at the NCAA Women's Final Four, March 29 and 31, at the Alamodome (29,619) in San Antonio, Texas. The University of Texas at San Antonio is the host.

Louisiana Tech and Tennessee continued their appearance streak as both have participated in all 21 Division I Women's Basketball Championships. Conversely, seven teams are making their first trip to the tournament: Bucknell, Hartford, Kent State, Norfolk State, Oakland, Southern University and Weber State.

In the 20-year history of the Division I Women's Basketball Championship, 11 schools have captured the national title, with Tennessee leading the way with six. Last year Notre Dame won its first NCAA championship in women's basketball with a 68-66 win over Purdue at the Savvis Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

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**2002 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS (31)**

Conference	Team	Record	Previous Appearances			Last Appearance
			App.	Won	Lost	
America East	Hartford	16-14	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Atlantic Coast	Duke	27-3	8	16	8	2001
Atlantic Sun	Georgia St.	21-9	1	0	1	2001
Atlantic 10	Temple	20-10	1	1	1	1989
Big East	Connecticut	33-0	13	35	11	2001
Big Sky	Weber St.	22-8	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Big South	Liberty	23-7	5	0	5	2001
Big Ten	Indiana	17-13	3	1	3	1995
Big 12	Oklahoma	27-3	4	6	4	2001
Big West	UC Santa Barbara	25-5	7	3	7	2001
Colonial	Old Dominion	25-5	18	29	17	2001
Conference USA	Cincinnati	26-4	2	0	2	1999
Horizon	Wis.-Green Bay	24-6	4	0	4	2000
Ivy	Harvard	21-5	3	1	3	1998
Metro Atlantic	St. Peter's	25-5	6	0	6	2000
Mid-American	Kent St.	20-10	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Mid-Continent	Oakland	17-13	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Mid-Eastern	Norfolk St.	22-8	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Missouri Valley	Creighton	24-9	2	2	2	1994
Mountain West	BYU	22-8	4	0	4	2000
Northeast	St. Francis (Pa.)	18-11	5	0	5	2000
Ohio Valley	Austin Peay	19-11	2	0	2	2001
Pacific-10	Arizona St.	24-8	4	2	4	2001
Patriot	Bucknell	21-9	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Southeastern	Vanderbilt	27-6	14	22	14	2001
Southern	Chattanooga	23-7	3	0	3	2001
Southland	Stephen F. Austin	24-5	16	10	16	2001
Southwestern	Southern U.	26-4	FIRST APPEARANCE			
Sun Belt	Florida International	26-5	5	2	5	1999
West Coast	Pepperdine	23-7	1	0	1	2000
Western Athletic	Louisiana Tech	25-4	20	61	18	2001

**2002 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
AT-LARGE SELECTIONS (33)**

Conference	Team	Record	Previous Appearances			Last Appearance
			App.	Won	Lost	
Arkansas	Southeastern	19-11	7	10	7	2001
Baylor	Big 12	26-5	1	0	1	2001
Boston College	Big East	23-7	2	2	2	2000
Clemson	Atlantic Coast	17-11	14	14	14	2001
Colorado	Big 12	21-9	9	12	9	2001
Colorado St.	Mountain West	24-6	4	5	4	2001
Drake	Missouri Valley	23-7	8	4	8	2001
Florida	Southeastern	18-10	8	8	8	2001
Georgia	Southeastern	19-10	18	36	18	2001
Iowa	Big Ten	17-10	13	15	13	2001
Iowa St.	Big 12	23-8	5	8	5	2001
Kansas St.	Big 12	24-7	5	3	5	1997
LSU	Southeastern	17-11	11	12	11	2001
Minnesota	Big Ten	21-7	1	1	1	1994
Mississippi St.	Southeastern	18-11	2	1	2	2000
UNLV	Mountain West	23-7	7	3	7	1994
New Mexico	Mountain West	22-8	1	0	1	1998
North Carolina	Atlantic Coast	25-7	13	21	12	2000
Notre Dame	Big East	19-9	8	16	7	2001
Penn St.	Big Ten	21-11	17	19	17	2001
Purdue	Big Ten	23-5	12	26	11	2001
Santa Clara	West Coast	21-9	4	1	4	1999
South Carolina	Southeastern	22-6	6	4	6	1991
Stanford	Pacific-10	30-2	15	34	15	2001
Syracuse	Big East	18-12	2	0	2	1988
Tennessee	Southeastern	25-4	20	71	14	2001
Texas	Big 12	20-9	17	22	16	2001
TCU	Conference USA	23-6	1	0	1	2001
Texas Tech	Big 12	18-11	14	22	13	2001
Tulane	Conference USA	23-10	7	2	7	2001
Villanova	Big East	19-10	5	2	5	2001
Virginia	Atlantic Coast	17-12	18	29	18	2001
Wisconsin	Big Ten	19-11	5	2	5	2001

**2002 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
TEAMS BY CONFERENCE**

\*Automatic Qualifier

**America East (1)**

Hartford\*

**Atlantic Coast (4)**

Clemson

Duke\*

North Carolina

Virginia

**Atlantic Sun (1)**

Georgia St.\*

**Atlantic 10 (1)**

Temple\*

**Big East (5)**

Boston College

Connecticut\*

Notre Dame

Syracuse

Villanova

**Big Sky (1)**

Weber St.\*

**Big South (1)**

Liberty\*

**Big Ten (6)**

Indiana\*

Iowa

Minnesota

Penn St.

Purdue

Wisconsin

**Big 12 (7)**

Baylor

Colorado

Iowa St.

Kansas St.

Oklahoma\*

Texas

Texas Tech

**Big West (1)**

UC Santa Barbara\*

**Colonial (1)**

Old Dominion\*

**Conference USA (3)**

Cincinnati\*

TCU

Tulane

**Horizon (1)**

Wis.-Green Bay\*

**Ivy (1)**

Harvard\*

**Metro Atlantic (1)**

St. Peter's\*

**Mid-American (1)**

Kent St.\*

**Mid-Continent (1)**

Oakland\*

**Mid-Eastern (1)**

Norfolk St.\*

**Missouri Valley (2)**

Drake

Creighton\*

**Mountain West (4)**

BYU\*

Colorado St.

UNLV

New Mexico

**Northeast (1)**

St. Francis (Pa.)\*

**Ohio Valley (1)**

Austin Peay\*

**Pacific-10 (2)**

Arizona St.\*

Stanford

**Patriot (1)**

Bucknell\*

**Southeastern (8)**

Arkansas

Florida

Georgia

LSU

Mississippi St.

South Carolina

Tennessee

Vanderbilt\*

**Southern (1)**

Chattanooga\*

**Southland (1)**

Stephen F. Austin\*

**Southwestern (1)**

Southern\*

**Sun Belt (1)**

Florida International\*

**West Coast (2)**

Pepperdine\*

Santa Clara

**Western Athletic (1)**

Louisiana Tech\*

**2002 NCAA® DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
NUMBER OF APPEARANCES BY TEAMS**

21st APPEARANCE (2)

(every year since 1982)

Louisiana Tech

Tennessee

20th APPEARANCE (none)

19th APPEARANCE (3)

Georgia (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-93-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

Old Dominion (1982-83-84-85-87-88-89-90-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

Virginia (1984-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

18th APPEARANCE (2)

Penn St. (1982-83-84-85-86-87-88-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-99-00-01-02)

Texas (1983-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-96-97-99-00-01-02)

17th APPEARANCE (1)

Stephen F. Austin (1982-83-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

16th APPEARANCE (1)

Stanford (1982-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

15th APPEARANCE (3)

Clemson (1982-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

Texas Tech (1984-86-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

Vanderbilt (1986-87-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-00-01-02)

14th APPEARANCE (3)

Connecticut (1989-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

Iowa (1986-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-96-97-98-01-02)

North Carolina (1983-84-85-86-87-92-93-94-95-97-98-99-00-02)

13th APPEARANCE (1)

Purdue (1989-90-91-92-94-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

12th APPEARANCE (1)

LSU (1984-86-87-88-89-90-91-97-99-00-01-02)

11th APPEARANCE (none)

10th APPEARANCE (1)

Colorado (1988-89-92-93-94-95-96-97-01-02)

NINTH APPEARANCE (4)

Drake (1982-84-86-95-97-98-00-01-02)

Duke (1987-95-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

Florida (1993-94-95-96-97-98-99-01-02)

Notre Dame (1992-94-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

EIGHTH APPEARANCE (4)

Arkansas (1986-89-90-91-95-98-01-02)

UNLV (1984-85-86-89-90-91-94-02)

UC Santa Barbara (1992-93-97-98-99-00-01-02)

Tulane (1995-96-97-98-99-00-01-02)

SEVENTH APPEARANCE (2)

St. Peter's (1982-92-93-97-99-00-02)

South Carolina (1982-86-88-89-90-91-02)

SIXTH APPEARANCE (7)

Florida International (1994-95-97-98-99-02)

Iowa St. (1997-98-99-00-01-02)

Kansas St. (1982-83-84-87-97-02)

Liberty (1997-98-99-00-01-02)

St. Francis (Pa.) (1996-97-98-99-00-02)

Villanova (1986-87-88-89-01-02)

Wisconsin (1992-95-96-98-01-02)

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FIFTH APPEARANCE (6)

Arizona St. (1982-83-92-01-02)  
BYU (1984-85-93-00-02)  
Colorado St. (1996-98-99-01-02)  
Oklahoma (1986-95-00-01-02)  
Santa Clara (1992-94-98-99-02)  
Wis.-Green Bay (1994-98-99-00-02)

FOURTH APPEARANCE (3)

Chattanooga (1989-92-01-02)  
Harvard (1996-97-98-02)  
Indiana (1983-94-95-02)

THIRD APPEARANCE (6)

Austin Peay (1996-01-02)  
Boston College (1999-00-02)  
Cincinnati (1989-99-02)  
Creighton (1992-94-02)  
Mississippi St. (1999-00-02)  
Syracuse (1985-88-02)

SECOND APPEARANCE (7)

Baylor (2001-02)  
Georgia St. (2001-02)  
Minnesota (1994-02)  
New Mexico (1998-02)  
Pepperdine (2000-02)  
Temple (1989-02)  
TCU (2001-02)

FIRST APPEARANCE (7)

Bucknell (2002)  
Hartford (2002)  
Kent St. (2002)  
Norfolk St. (2002)  
Oakland (2002)  
Southern U. (2002)  
Weber St. (2002)