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NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S SOCCER COMMITTEE SELECTS 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Committee today announced the field of 48 teams for the 2009 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship. Each of the eight regions received six championship berths. Twenty automatic berths are awarded for the Division II championship.

For first- and second-round competition, teams will be paired in their respective regions with the No. 4 seed playing the No. 5 seed; and the No. 3 seed playing the No. 6 seed Friday, November 13. The winner of the No.4/5 seed game will advance to play the No. 1 seed and the winner of the No. 3/6 seed game will play the No. 2 seed on Sunday, November 15. The West region (UC San Diego site) and Central Region (Metro St. site) will play first-round games on Thursday, November 12 and its second round game on Saturday, November 14. All games will be played on the campus of a participating institution and will consist of two sites per region. The two finalists in each region will advance to the third- and quarterfinal-round competition to be played Friday, November 20 and Sunday, November 22. The semifinals and championship games will be played and December 3 & 5 at the University of Tampa in Tampa, Florida.

The first-round sites and team matchups are:

Atlantic Region

Indiana (Pennsylvania) (13-6-1) vs. Gannon (10-7-1); West Chester* (19-1-1) vs. winner of Indiana (Pennsylvania)/Gannon.

California (Pennsylvania) (16-5-1) vs. West Virginia Wesleyan (13-6-1); Kutztown* (15-5-2) vs. winner of California (PA)/West Virginia Wesleyan.

Central Region

Minnesota Duluth (16-2-2) vs. Minnesota State Mankato (13-4-2); Metropolitan State* (20-1-1) vs. winner of Minnesota Duluth/Minnesota State Mankato.

Colorado School of Mines (17-4-0) vs. Regis (Colorado) (14-4-4); Fort Lewis* (18-2-3) vs. winner of Colorado School of Mines/Regis (Colorado).

East Region

Massachusetts-Lowell (12-5-3) vs. Merrimack (13-5-3); Saint Rose* (21-0-0) vs. winner of Massachusetts/Lowell/Merrimack.

Franklin Pierce (16-4-1) vs. Holy Family (13-8-1); Bridgeport* (16-1-3) vs. winner of Franklin Pierce/Holy Family.

Midwest Region

Bellarmino (13-3-1) vs. Indianapolis (15-5-0); Grand Valley State* (19-0-2) vs. winner of Bellarmino/Indianapolis.

Quincy (14-5-1) vs. Saginaw Valley State (14-3-2); Northern Kentucky* (18-2-0) vs. winner of Quincy/Saginaw Valley State.

South Region

Florida Southern (12-7-1) vs. North Alabama (18-3-1); West Florida* (19-0-0) vs. winner of Florida Southern/North Alabama.

Florida Tech (14-3-1) vs. Saint Leo (9-5-1); Rollins* (15-1-2) vs. winner of Florida Tech/Saint Leo.

South Central Region

Truman (14-3-3) vs. Nebraska-Omaha (13-5-2); West Texas A&M* (14-2-3) vs. winner of Truman/Nebraska-Omaha.

St. Edward's (15-3-1) vs. Central Oklahoma (14-6-2); Incarnate Word (15-2-3) vs. winner of St. Edward's/Central Oklahoma.

Southeast Region

Newberry (13-4-2) vs. Tusculum (14-4-3); Carson-Newman* (18-2-1) vs. winner of Newberry/Tusculum.

Armstrong Atlantic State (15-3-3) vs. Belmont Abbey (14-5-0);

Columbus State* (15-2-3) vs. winner of Armstrong Atlantic State/Belmont Abbey.

West Region

Dixie State (14-4-0) vs. Cal State Dominguez Hills (13-8-1); Cal State L.A.* (17-2-2) vs. winner of Dixie State/Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Games will be played November 12 and November 14:

Seattle Pacific (16-3-1) vs. Cal State Chico (8-5-8);

UC San Diego* (14-5-1) vs. winner of Seattle Pacific/Cal State Chico.

Note: * Denotes host institution.

In the 2008 NCAA Division II Women's Soccer national championship game Seattle Pacific needed two overtimes to earn its first women's soccer championship over West Florida.

The complete championship bracket follows.