



**BASKETBALL TRAVELERS INC.**

# OVER & BACK

**MEN'S EDITION**

## Arkansas Captures Paradise Jam Title

The Arkansas men's basketball team traveled to St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands in November on a mission to re-establish their program. They accomplished that quite decisively by earning three consecutive wins in the Univ. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam by an average margin of 25 points.

In the championship game, Eastern Michigan trailed by only 4 points midway through the first half, but the Razorbacks broke open the game with four consecutive 3-pointers. The tournament scoring record of 93 seemed in jeopardy by halftime, with Arkansas ending the first period with 53 points. The Razorbacks slowed their torrid shooting pace in the second half. Eastern Michigan closed to within 65-54 with 9:33 remaining but the Razorbacks turned up the heat to win by 18 (82-64).

Arkansas sophomore guard sensation, Ronnie Brewer, displayed a multitude of skills to earn the Paradise Jam MVP honors. Interestingly, twelve of the twenty statistical team records that have been kept since 2001 fell in 2004. Four of the six men's participating teams earned their way into the record books, despite the dominance of the Arkansas team. In the consolation bracket, Winthrop defeated Austin Peay for third place and Saint Louis beat Troy for fifth place.



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*Arkansas and E. Michigan compete for the Paradise Jam championship in front of a full house in St. Thomas.*

The U.V.I. Paradise Jam is a 3-for-1 certified tournament held annually in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands at the island's state-of-the-art U.V.I. Sport and Fitness Center. **The 2005 tournament Nov. 17-22 has openings available to round out a field that includes Georgia, Wisconsin, Old Dominion, Fordham and E. Kentucky. See ParadiseJam.com for more details.**

## Paradise Jam Televised Nationally

For the first time in its five-year history, the Paradise Jam and the island of St. Thomas basked in the spotlight of national television coverage. Fox College Sports broadcasted the championship and consolation game of the men's Paradise Jam, with Fox Sports Net's Midwest, Detroit and Chicago markets picking up regional coverage. Nearly 60 million households had the opportunity to watch the excitement of the Paradise Jam from the comfort of their living rooms. However, most viewers would likely rather have been enjoying themselves on St. Thomas's pristine beaches and crystal blue water that were featured during the broadcast.

Color commentator Larry Conley remarked, "The Paradise Jam is by far the most appealing tournament destination and venue I've been to. The beauty of the island, the quality of the gym site, and the support of the local fans make this tournament an incredible experience that I'd highly recommend."



*Larry Conley and Mark Brown call the games at the 2004 U.V.I. Paradise Jam*

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Don't wait to book your spot in our certified Paradise Jam and Hawaii Surf 'N Slam tournaments. Teams are already booking their entries as far out as 2007! Plan NOW to lock in your future tropical tournament experience in Hawaii or St. Thomas!

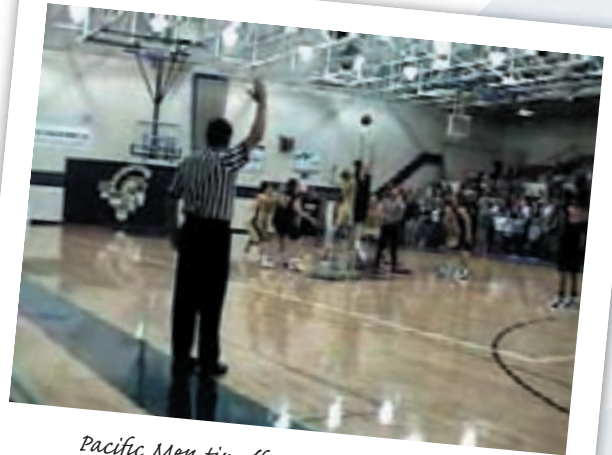
# Pacific Roars from Canadian Tour to Season Success

*"We have been on three trips with Basketball Travelers. All three trips have been a tremendous experience. I feel these experiences have helped us develop our team and have lead to our current success."*

*-Bob Thomason, Pacific Head Coach*

In September, the University of the Pacific took advantage of ten days of pre-season practice and three games against tough Canadian competition to sprint to their best season in school history. The Tigers went undefeated in Big West conference regular season play, and earned an at-large bid in the NCAA tournament with their 26-3 record. Pacific's #16 ranking was the highest in school history, and their first time among nationally ranked teams since 1967.

During the Labor Day break tour, the team traveled north to scenic Vancouver, British Columbia. The Tigers finished with a 2-1 record against local university competition. During their short 3-night stay, the squad also managed to enjoy time at the Capilano Suspension Bridge and the IMAX theatre. Due to the nature of a Labor Day tour, the team was also able to bring their freshmen, allowing for invaluable game experience and team bonding before the season began.



*Pacific Men tip off a game with Trinity Western University.*



*Fog envelops Pacific men as they cross the Capilano Suspension Bridge.*

## 2005 Summer and Labor Day Tours Still Available

Foreign tours are still one of the best means to give your players added game experience and team bonding opportunities. If your school has a Fall break over Labor Day, you can even take your freshmen and transfers. Tour options include Europe, Australia, Canada, Bahamas.

## 2004 TOUR TEAMS

### SUMMER

Monmouth  
Hampton  
Loyola Marymount

### FALL

Pacific  
Georgia  
Xavier  
SE Missouri  
South Carolina  
Connecticut

## VISIT US IN ST. LOUIS AT THE NABC CONVENTION

Basketball Travelers, Inc. is the new sponsor of the NABC "Locker Room", the hospitality area located inside the NABC Exhibitor's Hall. Inside the "Locker Room" you will find complimentary snacks and beverages as well as access to computer terminals at the cyber café. Also look for us at Booth #406 to discuss information on certified tournaments and foreign tours.

Division I & III coaching staffs are also invited to our 20th Year of Service Celebration on Friday, April 1 from 5-8pm in the BTI suite at the downtown St. Louis Marriott.





## Hawaii Surf 'N Slam Spots Still Open

The Hawaii Surf 'N Slam, hosted by BYU-Hawaii, is still seeking teams to play in the **December 17 - 21, 2005** certified tournament. Bask in the tropical warmth of the Hawaiian sunshine, enjoy island culture at the Polynesian Cultural Center, and visit the USS Arizona Memorial for historical perspective. The Hawaii Surf 'N Slam is played at BYU-Hawaii's 4,500 seat Cannon Activities Center. The BYU-Hawaii campus is located on the north shore of Oahu, which is famous for great surfing, befitting of the tournament name "Surf 'N Slam." Tournament openings available for December 2005 and beyond.

## Alaska-Fairbanks Teams with BTI on "BP Top of the World Classic"



University of Alaska-Fairbanks and Basketball Travelers, Inc. are teaming up to present one of the country's most unique and memorable tournament experiences.

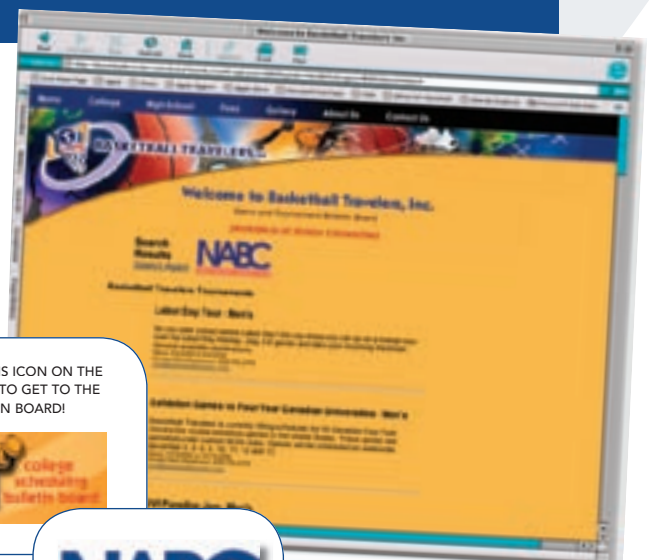
*UAF Director of Athletics Dr. Cory Schwartz commented, "I'm pleased that we have added Basketball Travelers to our partnership. Basketball Travelers has extensive experience putting together first class basketball tournaments, and recruiting top talent. Their expertise will be an asset to us as we continue to make our BP Top of the World tournament better than ever."*

The BP Top of the World Classic certified tournament offers eight teams a chance to experience the warmth of Alaskan hospitality. Amidst three games with incredible fan support, players and coaches also enjoy dog sled rides, gold panning, and a myriad of other truly Alaskan experiences. Games are played at the 4,900 seat Carlson Center in downtown Fairbanks. Great guarantees are offered by UAF to participate in this tournament field. Call the Basketball Travelers, Inc. office for more information.

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## NABC Partners with BTI on Web Schedule Board

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) partnered in April 2004 with Basketball Travelers, Inc. to provide NCAA Division I college coaches access to a web-based scheduling bulletin board. After completely revamping their website, the NABC included a link to BTI's scheduling bulletin board. The complimentary service assists coaches in booking non-conference games and tournaments. Coaches can post game openings or view games currently posted. Since partnering with the NABC, bulletin board postings on the BTI site have increased dramatically. Look for other joint ventures in the future between Basketball Travelers, Inc. and the NABC.



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The NABC "Locker Room" hospitality area, presented by Basketball Travelers, Inc.

- Free snacks & beverages
- Cyber café
- Inside NABC Expo Hall



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*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Col. 3:23*



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 {Left to right} Jason Sarkies, Neal Holden, Brooke Ingalls, Becky Johnson, Craig Jonas, Nancy Hawkinson, Jenn Ashby, Erik Evans, Nels Hawkinson.*

**OFFERING:**

- Overseas Tours
- "Paradise Jam" Certified
- "Hawaii Surf 'N Slam" Certified
- "BP Top of the World" Certified
- Scheduling Bulletin Board with NABC
- Exhibition Games