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WOMEN'S EDITION

Texas Hooks Horns with Canadians on Labor Day Tour

The Texas Longhorns got an early start to the 2004-05 season by traveling to Vancouver, British Columbia for a three-day, four-game exhibition tour over Labor Day. The on-court experience and off-court bonding seems to have positively impacted yet another successful Lady Longhorn season. The team is currently ranked 11th in the AP poll as they head into Big 12 tournament action, going 11-1 in their last 12 games.

"I told our team that the chance to take this trip to Vancouver (over Labor Day) has great significance," Coach Jody Conrardt noted. "Under NCAA rules, you get 10 practice days prior to a foreign trip. This gives us a chance to come together as a team in August and September and work on things. It also allows our newcomers to get a chance to play. We are looking at this trip as an excellent team-building opportunity."

The Texas women dominated their Canadian competition, claiming a 4-0 record against defending Canadian national champion University of British Columbia and 4th place finisher Simon Fraser University, earning two victories against each team. The Labor Day tour gave the team a chance to play together with three newcomers and learn how to play without the services of All-American post Stacy Stephens.

Off the court the team squeezed in shopping and sightseeing. The harrowing trip across the swaying Capilano suspension footbridge definitely drew the team together as they negotiated the 450 foot span that crosses nearly 250 feet above the Capilano River. Coach Conrardt required each team member to cross the bridge as part of a team-building experience. Less harrowing and more enjoyable, perhaps, was the shopping and dining on Robson Street, which drew rave reviews from the Lady Longhorns.

"Vancouver is a beautiful city, and we had great food, great shopping, and a great hotel situated right on the water. This trip was a real plus for us in terms of the game of basketball and in terms of it being a great team-bonding experience," Conrardt concluded.



The Capilano Suspension Bridge provided the Lady Longhorns an excellent team-building experience.

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Texas Tech
Purdue
Florida State
Dayton
Loyola Marymount
Utah State
Utah
Big Ten Conference

Rutgers, NC State Win 2004 Paradise Jam

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North Carolina State holds off Louisville for the 2004 Paradise Jam "St. Thomas" division championship.

Rutgers claimed the championship trophy in the St. John certified division of the Univ. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam in decisive fashion. The Scarlet Knights beat their opponents by an average margin of 19 points, en route to a 3-0 record against tourney opponents Kentucky, Oregon State and South Dakota State. Defensive pressure powered the victories, as Rutgers forced an average of 21 turnovers per contest and captured the tournament team record for steals in a game (16) and tournament (34). Junior forward Michelle Campbell earned St. John division tournament MVP honors.

North Carolina State overcame a 26-21 halftime deficit, securing a 54-49 victory over a determined Louisville team to earn the St. Thomas division championship. The Cardinals, down 52-44 with 1:03 remaining, scored five quick points to cut the deficit to three. The Wolfpack missed a jumper as the shot clock wound down, but retrieved the rebound and drew a foul. The ensuing two free throws capped the final score and victory. Junior center Tiffany Stansbury earned the St. Thomas division MVP honors. Nebraska beat Hampton 72-54 to earn third place.

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 both championship games of the women's Paradise Jam, with Fox Sports Net's New York and Ohio market picking additional 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.

The Univ. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam is held annually over Thanksgiving weekend and includes both certified and non-certified tournament brackets.



Junkanoo Jam Teams Help Hurricane Victims

Two months prior to the 2004 Junkanoo Jam, Hurricanes Francis and Jean wreaked havoc throughout the Caribbean, devastating many parts of Grand Bahama Island. Responding to the need for clothing following the disaster, many of the 2004 Junkanoo Jam teams brought suitcases full of t-shirts, shoes, and shorts to distribute to those in need. Many thanks to those teams who took time to help!

During the tournament, Duke stormed out to a 12-0 lead against Kansas State in the championship game of the Freeport Division and never looked back, en route to a 63-51 victory. Kansas State, playing their second consecutive Junkanoo Jam final, closed the margin to 8 in the 2nd half but could get no closer. Stephen F. Austin beat Illinois State 66-60 in the consolation game. Duke's Monique Curry earned MVP honors.

In the Lucaya Division championship, Iowa went on a late 12-4 run against Oklahoma to claim a 54-47 victory over the Sooners. Iowa junior guard, Crystal Smith, earned MVP honors in the Lucaya Division. Florida defeated Akron, 77-38, in the consolation bracket.



Since 2003, Freeport, Grand Bahama Island has hosted the Junkanoo Jam, a non-certified tournament that includes two counting games in two separate 4-team brackets over Thanksgiving. During their tropical tournament experience, teams enjoy a catamaran snorkel cruise, a beachside Thanksgiving dinner party, and the white sand beaches of beautiful Grand Bahama Island. The 2005 Junkanoo Jam is nearly filled so sign up early for 2006 and beyond!

Iowa State, Va. Tech Win Inaugural "Duel in the Desert"

Except for the jersey colors, fans might have felt a bit of déjà vu watching both championship games of the inaugural "Duel in the Desert" tournament, hosted by UNLV. Victors Iowa State and Virginia both overcame significant deficits to send their respective games to overtime, and finally victory.

In the Scarlet division, Iowa State gave coach Bill Fennelly his 200th career Cyclone victory by defeating host UNLV 86-78 in overtime. In a game that featured 10 lead changes and 10 ties, the Cyclones trailed by as many as 12 points before securing the win. Iowa State senior Anne O'Neil earned Scarlet division MVP honors. Northern Arizona beat Eastern Kentucky in the consolation game.

In the Gray division, Virginia Tech came from behind to upset #12-ranked Texas Tech, 71-70, in another overtime contest. The Hokies trailed by as many as 13 points in the 2nd half, and didn't take their first lead until 4:10 remaining in regulation. Cisti Greenwalt from Texas Tech earned the MVP trophy in the Gray division. Arkansas State beat Western Michigan in the consolation game.

Spots are still available for the 2005 tournament, which features two separate four-team brackets of two games each. The glamorous New York-New York Hotel is the tournament host hotel.





Ole Miss Wins, Tourney Expands

Mississippi beat Vermont, 81-50, to dominate the championship game of the 4th annual Surf 'N Slam tournament held in December

in San Diego, California. Ole Miss sophomore guard Armintie Price earned MVP honors. Vermont edged host San Diego, 70-62, in the consolation bracket.

In 2005 the San Diego Surf 'N Slam tournament will expand to 8 teams, thanks to the addition of a 2nd host school, San Diego State. University of San Diego is the original host school of this non-certified 2-game tournament held annually Dec. 26-31. **The 2005 field is already full; call for openings in 2006 and beyond.**

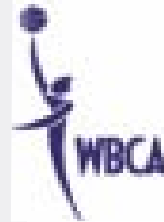
Host Schools Prevail Again in WSF, WBCA Tournaments

In the third year of the WBCA and Women's Sports Foundation Classics, host schools prevail once more to win the tournament championships, despite competitive fields.

Host Washington won two games (in a non-championship tournament format) to unofficially claim tournament victory in the WBCA Classic. The Huskies defeated a highly touted Minnesota squad, albeit sans Janel McCarville, in overtime by a 72-67 margin. Washington forward Breanne Watson earned MVP honors. UNLV beat South Carolina in the consolation game.

In the Women's Sports Foundation tournament, host Louisiana State defeated Arizona State, 65-54 to earn the title. LSU's Seimone Augustus took home the MVP trophy and Virginia defeated Maine in the consolation contest.

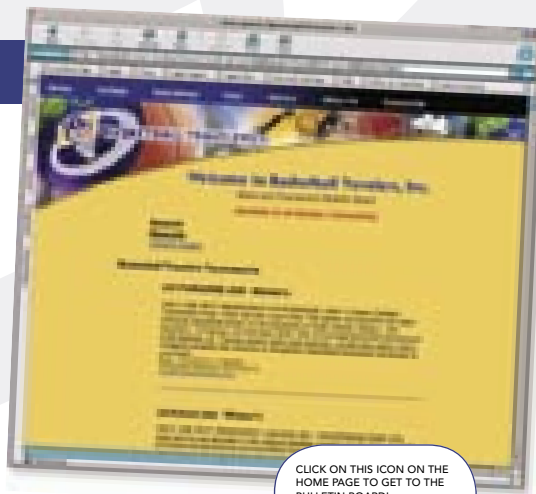
Can anyone defeat the host schools? We'll find out in 2005 when Arizona State hosts the 4th annual WBCA Classic with a field that also includes Clemson, Vanderbilt and Missouri. Oregon will host the 4th annual Women's Sports Foundation Classic in November 2005, with Michigan, Temple, and St. Francis rounding out the field. These pre-season certified tournaments fill fast so call early for entry to 2006 tourneys and beyond.



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TOURNAMENT	2005	2006	2007
 Paradise Jam (certified & non-certified) Site: St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands	Nov. 22-27 (1 spot left)	Nov. 21-26	Nov. 20-26
 Junkanoo Jam (2 games counting) Site: Grand Bahama Island	Nov. 22-27 (1 spot left)	Nov. 21-26	Nov. 20-25
 San Diego Surf 'N Slam (2 games counting) Site: Univ. San Diego & San Diego State	Dec. 26-31 (full)	Dec. 26-31	Dec. 26-31
 WBCA/BTI Classic (certified 2 for 1)	Nov. 10-13 (full) Site: Arizona State	Nov. 10-11 Site: K.C. Sports Comm.	Nov. 9-10 Available to host
 Women's Sports Foundation Challenge (certified 2 for 1)	Nov. 10-13 (full) Site: Oregon	Nov. 10-11 Site: Kentucky	Nov. 9-10 Available to host
 Las Vegas Duel in the Desert Site: UNLV (2 games counting)	Dec. 15-19 (need teams)	Dates TBA	Dates TBA



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