
2008 NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Championship

Site of Competition

MassMutal Center (Capacity: 6,677)

Springfield, Massachusetts

Host Institution: Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and American International College

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Elite Eight Key Personnel

University of Alaska Anchorage SEAWOLVES (Anchorage, Alaska)

Record: 28-5	West Region (#1 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: 4th
Conference	Great Northwest Athletic Conference	
Chancellor	Fran Ulmer	
Athletics Director	Steve Cobb	
Head Coach	Rusty Osborne	
Sports Information Director	Nate Sagan	

Augusta State University JAGUARS (Augusta, Georgia)

Record: 25-6	South Atlantic Region (#2 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: 10th
Conference	Peach Belt Conference	
President	William A. Bloodworth, Jr.	
Athletics Director	Clint Bryant	
Head Coach	Dip Metress	
Sports Information Director	Joey Warren	

Bentley College FALCONS (Waltham, Massachusetts)

Record: 33-0	Northeast Region (#1 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: T-1st
Conference	Northeast-10 Conference	
President	Gloria Cordes Larson	
Athletics Director	Bob DeFelice	
Head Coach	Jay Lawson	
Sports Information Director	Dick Lipe	

California University of Pennsylvania VULCANS (California, Pa.)

Record: 28-5	East Region (#1 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: 9th
Conference	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference	
President	Angelo Armenti, Jr.	
Athletics Director	Tom Pucci	
Head Coach	Bill Brown	
Sports Information Director	Matt Hannaford	

University of Central Oklahoma BRONCHOS (Edmond, Oklahoma)

Record: 28-5	South Central Region (#3 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: 21st
Conference	Lone Star Conference	
President	W. Roger Webb	
Athletics Director	Bill Farley	
Head Coach	Terry Evans	
Sports Information Director	Mike Kirk	

Grand Valley State University LAKERS (Allendale, Michigan)

Record: 36-0	Great Lakes Region (#1 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: T-1st
Conference	Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference	
President	Thomas J. Haas	
Athletics Director	Tim Selgo	
Head Coach	Ric Wesley	
Sports Information Director	Tim Nott	

University of North Alabama LIONS (Florence, Alabama)

Record: 27-8	South Region (#4 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: 17th
Conference	Gulf South Conference	
President	William G. Cale, Jr.	
Athletics Director	Mark Linder	
Head Coach	Bobby Champagne	
Sports Information Director	Jeff Hodges	

Winona State University WARRIORS (Winona, Minnesota)

Record: 35-1	North Central Region (#1 Seed)	NABC Final Ranking: 3rd
Conference	Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference	
President	Judith A. Ramaley	
Athletics Director	Larry Holstad	
Head Coach	Mike Leaf	
Sports Information Director	Michael Herzberg	

Schedule Of Events

Tuesday, March 25

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Practice sessions for teams (open to the public). (*MassMutual Center*)

Team	Practice Time	Community Outreach*
Augusta St.	9 - 9:55 a.m.	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Central Okla.	10 - 10:55 a.m.	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Alas. Anchorage	11 - 11:55 a.m.	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
California (Pa.)	Noon - 12:55 p.m.	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Grand Valley St.	1 - 1:55 p.m.	9 - 10 a.m.
Winona St.	2 - 2:55 p.m.	9 - 10 a.m.
Bentley	3 - 3:55 p.m.	9 - 10 a.m.
North Ala.	4 - 4:55 p.m.	9 - 10 a.m.

*The community outreach is a 60-minute time commitment that includes the travel time to and from the institution. Team hosts will meet their teams at the participant's hotel and travel with the team to the institution.

6 - 6:45 p.m. Prechampionship news conference. (*Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame*)
(Note: All coaches will be interviewed at the same time for approximately 30 minutes; individual interviews with coaches will be available for 30 minutes after the group interviews.)

7 - 9 p.m. Championship banquet — official travel parties of teams, committee and invited guests. (*Hall of Fame*)
(Note: If not a member of the traveling party or an invited guest, tickets may be purchased.)

Wednesday, March 26

7 a.m. - 11 a.m. Practice sessions for teams (closed to the public). (*MassMutual Center*)

Practice Time	Team	Practice Time	Team
7 - 7:25 a.m.	Augusta St.	9 - 9:25 a.m.	Grand Valley
7:30 - 7:55 a.m.	Central Okla.	9:30 - 9:55 a.m.	Winona St.
8 - 8:25 a.m.	Alas. Anchorage	10 - 10:25 a.m.	Bentley
8:30 - 8:55 a.m.	California (Pa.)	10:30 - 10:55 a.m.	North Ala.

11 a.m. Buffet lunch – tournament officials (no game officials) and press only. (*MassMutual Center*)

Noon Quarterfinal contest. (*Augusta St. vs. Central Okla.*)

2:30 p.m. Quarterfinal contest. (*Alas. Anchorage vs. California (Pa.)*)

5 p.m. Buffet dinner – tournament officials and press only. (*MassMutual Center*)

6 p.m. Quarterfinal contest (*Grand Valley St. vs. Winona St.*)

8:30 p.m. Quarterfinal contest (*Bentley vs. North Ala.*)

Thursday, March 27

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Practice sessions for teams. (*MassMutual Center*)

Practice Time	Region
9:30 - 10:25 a.m.	Augusta St./Central Okla.
10:30 - 11:25 a.m.	Alas. Anchorage/California (Pa.)
11:30 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	Grand Valley St./Winona St.
12:30 - 1:25 p.m.	Bentley/North Ala.

Noon - 4 p.m. Practice sessions for All-Star team. (*American International College*)
(East - Noon-1:45 p.m.; West - 2-3:45 p.m.)

5 p.m. Buffet dinner – tournament officials, press and All-Star participants only. (*MassMutual Center*)

6 p.m. Semifinal contest. (*Augusta St./Central Okla. winner vs. Alas. Anchorage/California (Pa.) winner*) (CSTV)

8:30 p.m. Semifinal contest. (*Grand Valley St./Winona St. winner vs. Bentley/North Ala. winner*) (CSTV)

Friday, March 28

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Practice sessions for teams (closed to the public). (*MassMutual Center*)

11 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	Championship finalist from 6 p.m. game.
12:30 - 1:55 p.m.	Championship finalist from 8:30 p.m. game.

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. News conferences. (*MassMutual Center*)

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Championship finalist (from 8:30 p.m. game).
12:45 - 1:15 p.m.	Championship finalist (from 6 p.m. game).

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Springfield area youth clinic. (*Hall of Fame*)

7 p.m. All-Star game. (*Hall of Fame*)

Saturday, March 29

12 noon Brunch Buffet – Tournament officials and press only (*MassMutual Center*)

2:30 p.m. Championship game. (CBS)

Media Information

Parking at MassMutual Center

The MassMutual Center does not own or operate any local parking facilities and therefore we do not have the ability to reserve or provide free parking at the arena. However, there are several parking lots and garages in the area.

Civic Center Parking Garage - This garage is located directly across from the MassMutual Center on Court Street. For more information call 413.732.3120.

Columbus Avenue – South Garage - This garage is located on Columbus Avenue just two blocks from the MassMutual Center. For more information call the Springfield Parking Authority at 413.787.6118.

Credentials

Any approved media member will be able to pick up credentials before the start of championship play at the MassMutual Center (enter on the Falcon Way, North Side of the building) starting on Tuesday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m. Credentials also may be claimed throughout the championship at the same location. A government-issued photo identification will be required as well as a signature. Each individual may only pick up his or her own credential packet.

A media credential will permit your admittance to the MassMutual Center through the media entrance (enter on the Falcon Way, North Side of the building). The credential provides admittance to the working-media room and interview room at the MassMutual Center. Media credentials will only be issued to legitimate media members. Credentials found to have been issued under false pretenses will be confiscated.

On Wednesday (March 26), when there is no live television, both photographers and cinematographers will be permitted in the photo areas behind each end line only when wearing the appropriate armband. The armband will be distributed to photographers and cinematographers with their credential at registration. On Thursday (March 27), for the semifinals, and Saturday (March 29), for the championship game, which is televised nationally, only still photographers and NCAA Production/CBS cameras will be permitted. No "local" TV cameras will be allowed to shoot video in the arena during these games (see "News Film Photography Policies for Semifinals and Championship").

On Thursday and Saturday, photographers who are allowed to shoot from the floor will need to receive new armbands at the credential check-in or from a member of the media coordination staff and will need to wear that armband to gain access to the photo areas during the game.

There will be signs at all entrances to direct media to the appropriate entrance. Credentials will be handed out at the times below:

March 25	8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	MassMutual Center
March 26	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	MassMutual Center
March 27	4 p.m. to 8 p.m.	MassMutual Center
March 28	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	MassMutual Center
March 29	12 noon to 2:30 p.m.	MassMutual Center

2007-08 Conditions Placed on Use of Media Credentials

This working credential is issued for the sole purpose of providing facility access to an accredited media entity's employee or designated representative who has a legitimate working function (media or game service) in connection with this championship. It is nontransferable. The person receiving this credential ("Credential Holder") and the entity which the credential holder is representing ("Credential Entity") are subject to the terms of this credential. The National Collegiate Athletic Association ("NCAA") and its designated championship host personnel reserve the right to all remedies

against Credential Holder and Credential Entity, for unauthorized use of this credential, including ejection from the facility and prosecution for criminal trespass.

All media entities observing NCAA championship competition should recognize that any still picture, motion picture, audio, film/videotape/digital capture or drawing (collectively, Representations) may be used only in connection with news/sports coverage within a 72-hour period following the Competition for which credential has been issued ("Competition") and the Representations portion of each such showing will not exceed three (3) minutes in length; All Internet media entities and new media entities (e.g., companies providing content for mobile and PDAs) observing NCAA championship competition recognize that Representations may be used only in connection with news/sports coverage within a 24-hour period following the Competition, and the Representations portion of each showing will not exceed three (3) minutes in length.

Any secondary use of any Representations obtained under use of this credential of the Competition made by the Credential Holder or Credential Entity (including but not limited to use in delayed editorial or non-editorial, advertising, sales promotion or merchandising) is prohibited without prior specific written approval of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

NCAA BLOGGING POLICY

Each Credential Holder (including television, Internet, new media, and print publications) has the privilege to blog (e.g., real-time or time delayed journal entries) during competition through the Credential Entity. Any blog representing an NCAA championship must submit the appropriate link to ncaasports.com Blog Central. In return, all media entities entering a blog must post the ncaasports.com logo/link on their site. All blogs must be free of charge to readers. All must adhere to the conditions and limitations of this NCAA Blogging Policy. A blog description includes in-Competition updates on score and time remaining in competition as well as description of the championship and competition taken place during the given time. The NCAA and its designated championship personnel shall be the final authority about whether a Credential Holder or Credential Entity is following the NCAA Blogging Policy.

The following is the NCAA's policy for the number of blogs allowed during a Competition or Session (i.e., where more than one contest takes place under the same admission ticket). They apply to all sports listed and are applicable to both genders. Overtime limitations will be provided on-site unless otherwise indicated.

Winter Sports

Basketball: Five times per half; one at halftime

All Credential Holders and Credential Entities are prohibited from providing Representations to any other person or entity in any media form without advance written permission from the NCAA, even though the planned use may be editorial in nature. Such Representations may be publicly displayed only by the Credential Entity and only for editorial purposes. These rights may not be assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed to any person, subsidiary, parent, or any other entity. Any agency wishing to use Representations of NCAA competition in any manner must obtain written permission for such usage from the NCAA.

Game Feeds

CSTV/NCAA Productions holds the rights to the semifinals, while CBS retains the broadcast television rights to the championship game. For televised games, all other television entities shall have access to the facility up to 30 minutes before the start of the first game of each session to establish presence at the site.

Immediately thereafter, the facility shall remain off limits to all television entities until CSTV/NCAA/CBS has signed off the air after the completion of the event. An audio/video feed will be provided to all television entities that desire game highlights. A press bridge will be available at the production

truck for the semifinal and championship games. Crews or schools must provide their own adapters for recordings.

Broadcast questions should be directed to **Chris Fitzpatrick (cfitzpatrick@ncaa.org)** and **Jeremy Michiaels (jmichiaels@ncaa.org)**. Mr. Michiaels is scheduled to be in Springfield to assist with broadcast issues.

Media Headquarters

The media work room at the MassMutual Center, will open Tuesday, March 25 at 8:30 a.m. and will be available for the remainder of the tournament. Anyone desiring special access or having special needs should make arrangements through media coordinator Jeff Williams, assistant media coordinator Roy Pickerill or host SID Darryl Konicki.

Media Meals

Pre-game buffet meals for the media will be served at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m. on Saturday at the MassMutual Center. A meal ticket will be punched as you go through the food line. Once the meal ticket is punched for a given meal, you are not permitted to go through the line again but you can enter the hospitality room.

Media Seat Assignments

Individuals receiving a working credential, except photographers, will be assigned a seat along press row as space permits. Preference will be given to media specifically covering teams participating in that session. Photographers who have been approved to work on the floor will obtain an armband when claiming their credentials.

Microphones

Under no circumstances may broadcast entities place microphones on coaches, players or officials during competition. Broadcast entities may not place microphones on or near team benches or team huddles or in team locker rooms.

NCAA bylaw 31.6.4.5 Live Microphone on Coach:

The placement of microphones on a team coach or in team huddles and bench areas for television, radio or motion-picture purposes is prohibited in all NCAA championships.

News Highlights Policy

Unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, use of this footage may not exceed three minutes and may be aired only on a regularly scheduled news program devoted exclusively to general news and/or sports news within 72 hours of the game.

Sports entertainment programs do not qualify under this provision, however, regularly scheduled coaches' shows do qualify. Any footage or audio material used above the three-minute news limit or past the 72-hour restriction may only be done with NCAA prior approval. News organizations must provide a graphic footage courtesy "NCAA/CSTV" or "CBS" depending on the round.

Cinematographers must wear an armband to get to the photography areas for these games.

News Film Photography Policies For Semifinal And Championship

Television networks or stations and cable systems shall have access to the arena floor up to 30 minutes before the championship game to establish an individual presence at the event. From that point on, this area, and any

other area from which the playing court is visible, shall remain off limits to all television or cable cinematographers until NCAA Productions and CBS has signed off the air after completion of the game. A television station may not broadcast live reports from the site of the competition, which includes the interview, working-press and locker rooms, until NCAA Productions and CBS leaves the air. No film crew is permitted on the floor level during game action, except representatives of NCAA Productions. Cinematographers who wish to gain access to game footage during the game may plug into the CBS multi box, which will be set up in the building beside the network's truck. Cinematographers who want access to the court immediately after NCAA Production and CBS goes off the air to shoot celebration shots shall gather in this area with 1:00 showing on the official game clock to await release by the media coordinator or his designee. Note that this is only to shoot footage, not to do interviews. Post game interviews must be done from the locker rooms or the interview room after the respective 10-minute cooling-off period. Videotape game coverage only may be presented on a sports news broadcast after the game has been completed. Unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, these broadcasts shall not exceed three minutes of footage of the championship game. Such a "news program" shall be a regularly scheduled program devoted exclusively to general news and/or sports news. Sports entertainment programs do not qualify under this provision. Cinematographers have arena access to all open practice sessions. A visible credential is required and each cinematographer is restricted to the ends (not sides) of the playing floor during those sessions. No media representatives have access to closed practice sessions.

Questions related to television or radio broadcasting should be directed to **Jeremy Michiaels (jmichiaels@ncaa.org)**.

Open Practices

All practice sessions on Tuesday, March 25 are open to the media and general public. The open practice schedule is as follows:

Team	Time
Augusta St.	9-9:55 a.m.
Central Okla.	10-10:55 a.m.
Alas. Anchorage.	11-11:55 a.m.
California (Pa.)	Noon-12:55 p.m.
Grand Valley St.	1-1:55 p.m.
Winona St.	2-2:55 p.m.
Bentley.	3-3:55 p.m.
North Ala.	4-4:55 p.m.

Practices are scheduled at the MassMutual Center. Each practice session should start on the hour and last for 55 minutes. All practices after Tuesday, Mar. 25 are closed.

Pre-Tournament News Conference

The championship's eight head coaches will participate in a news conference at Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Tuesday, March 25, at 6 p.m. After each coach gives an opening statement in the order his team appears on the bracket, coaches will answer questions in a panel format for approximately 30 minutes. All eight coaches will be available afterward for one-on-one interviews as time permits. Anyone wanting to interview student-athletes during this time should make prior arrangements with the individual student-athletes team's sports information director. All members of the print and electronic media are invited to attend the news conference.

Photography Policies

Photographers working on the floor are restricted to the "photographers' box" at the end of the playing court. No photographers will be permitted beyond a line six feet from the end lines. Other boundaries may be set as needed. Photographers may not place tripods on or beside the playing court nor attach strobes to any part of the building without prior approval. Flash attachments are not allowed in any area of the building.

No one is permitted in from of the officials' table, press tables, the players' benches or any other floor-level position at any time after competition begins, including timeouts.

Television networks, stations or cable systems filming or videotaping game action may use only a maximum of three minutes of championship footage on a regular sports news program. Strobe lights for remote broadcasts from the arena may not be pointed toward the court at any time.

Television networks, stations or cable systems may not videotape game action when a game is being televised live by another network, such as during the semifinals and championship game. Arrangements should be made through the network or company that has purchased the rights fee of that particular game. TV stations are permitted to shoot footage of all games that are not being televised live.

Postgame Interview Policies

All coaches and student-athletes will be available for interviews. Interviews will be conducted after each game.

The sports information director representing each participation team shall escort the coach and a minimum of two selected student-athletes to the interview area after a 10-minute cooling-off period. The cooling-off period starts after the team enters the locker room. An escort will help facilitate compliance with this requirement.

The losing team will go first after each game. The interview with the losing coach and players generally will not exceed 10 minutes.

Regardless of any personal regular-season radio and/or television contract(s), the coach of both teams is first obligated to the entire gathering of media staffing the championship and must report to the interview room immediately after the 10-minute cooling-off period. The coach cannot delay a post game interview with the covering media to conduct a program for a single newspaper, radio or television reporter unless requested to grant a short interview (not to exceed four minutes) by CBS. After fulfilling this commitment to the media staffing the championship, the coach may participate in special interviews.

Coaches shall not become available to selected media representatives before the conclusion of the 10-minute cooling-off period.

After each game, selected student-athletes may be required to register for drug testing. This policy will not interfere with the student-athlete's responsibility to the media, although the drug-testing escort must remain in direct contact with the student-athlete. Only when all requests for interviews have been filled, not to exceed one hour, the student-athlete will report for drug testing.

Radio Rights

Space automatically will be reserved for each participating institution's home radio station as designated by the institution. Phone lines will be installed for each station at no cost. Please visit <http://www.ncaasports.com/broadcast> for updated information related to radio policies.

All radio and Internet streaming rights must be obtained on-line at <http://www.ncaasports.com/broadcast/schedule/radio>.

At the end of the tournament, the NCAA will bill the station the appropriate amount. Questions should be directed to **Mike Dodson at 859.226.4390 or by email – mike.dodson@hostcommunications.com**. The NCAA staff contact for radio issues is **Jeremy Michiaels - jmichiaels@ncaa.org**.

Statistical Services

Roster flip cards, halftime and final statistics, and typed play-by-play will be provided for each game in the championship. Quickie halftime and final statistics will also be immediately available for radio and television.

Strobe Lights

A maximum of three sets of strobe lights may be installed at an arena, upon approval of the basketball committee representative(s), for media agencies requiring immediate news coverage. No single agency may install more than one set of strobes at a site, regardless of the number of units used. The strobe lights may be installed under the following priorities:

The Associated Press, Reuters and the NCAA. If all agencies request strobe lighting, they shall pool one set.

1. Sports Illustrated.
2. A single pool unit for all other media agencies, installed and administered by USA Today. If USA Today does not use a strobe, the event's media coordinator (or the NCAA broadcast services staff) shall coordinate the activity.
3. Should Sports Illustrated, AP, Reuters or USA Today not install strobes, the strobes shall be administered and pooled at the discretion of that event's media coordinator in conjunction with the NCAA broadcast services staff.

The pool strobe unit is not available to photographers who have been assigned feature profiles for current or future publications (e.g., a photograph of a player, coach or fan; any book on the sport, the championship or player, coach or fan; or a magazine desiring photographs for the next season's preview).

Any installed strobe unit may not exceed four clusters of strobe lights producing a maximum of 3,200 watt-seconds at any tournament site. All strobes must flash at a duration less than 1/2,000th of a second.

All hanging or installed strobes must be placed as close to the playing surface as possible, depending upon the physical structure of the arena, near the corners of the playing surface. All strobes must be installed and tested, if necessary, at the site 24 hours before the start of the event during which the strobes will be used. The basketball committee representative(s) will grant final approval relative to the installation of strobes.

If the physical structure of an arena prevents a media agency from meeting these specifications, the agency may petition the sports committee for an exception. This written request and explanation shall be submitted to the committee at least two weeks before the event.

No other strobes, including hand-carried units, are permitted in the arena, and no strobe or any other photography equipment may be placed on or attached to a backboard or goal standard.

Television Coverage

The semifinals will be aired live on CSTV and the championship game will be aired live on CBS.

Date	Game	Time (CST)*	Network*
March 27	Semifinals	6/8:30 p.m.	CSTV - Live
March 29	Championship	2:30 p.m.	CBS - Live

*Game times and networks are subject to change. Please visit www.ncaasports.com for updated information.

Unless otherwise approved by the NCAA, use of this footage may not exceed three minutes and may be aired only on a regularly scheduled news program devoted exclusively to general news and/or sports news within 72 hours of the game. Sports entertainment programs do not qualify under this provision, however, regularly scheduled coaches' shows do qualify. Any footage or audio material used above the three-minute news limit or past the 72-hour restriction may only be done with NCAA prior approval. News organizations must provide a graphic footage courtesy "NCAA."

Working-Media Room

Press books, participant releases, updated statistics, rosters box scores, play-by-plays, flip cards, and additional press information will be available in the working-media room at the MassMutual Center. The media room will also have at least two fax machines, a copy machine, telephone lines and Ethernet connections.