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Independent women's championship tournament at Lincoln to be broadcast over the Internet

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA. (February 21, 2007) - The entire Association of Division III Independents women's basketball Northeast regional championship tournament featuring Lincoln University, Mitchell College, Maine-Presque Isle and Saint Joseph's (Me.) College will be broadcast nationally over the Internet on Friday February 23 and Saturday February 24, 2007 from Manuel Rivero Hall.

The live, free web cast will be available to parents, alumni and fans of all college communities starting at 4:55 p.m. at www.redzonemedia.com with Matt Martucci, the voice of the Lions, handling all of the play-by-play duties.

Friday's schedule features a semifinal doubleheader beginning with fourth-seeded St. Joseph's, Maine (9-14 overall) meeting top-seeded Mitchell College (14-10) at 5:00 p.m. In the nightcap, third-seeded Maine-Presque Isle (15-6) battles second-seeded and host Lincoln (17-8) at 7:00 p.m. Fans can tune in Saturday morning beginning at 11:55 a.m. to listen to the consolation game (Noon) and the championship contest (2:00 p.m.).

This will be the first time in Lincoln women's basketball history that it will have a game broadcast over the Internet. It will also be the first home postseason game in the 37-year history of Lincoln women's basketball.

In what promises to be a very good tournament, three of the four teams enter this weekend with winning records. Mitchell has won 10 consecutive games. Lincoln, which has established a school record for wins in a season, has a modest five-game winning streak and it closed the season by winning 13 of its last 15 games. Maine-Presque Isle has won 10 of its last 11 games. Saint Joseph's has won two of its last three games. Interestingly, each team has won its last contest.

The tournament also features some outstanding players. Mitchell senior guard Alva Jeffreys enters the tournament as the leading scorer among the four teams at 22.7 points per game. Lincoln has been fueled by the combination of freshman guard Shanice Nesmith (18.2 ppg.), senior center Mary Rotimi (37 career double-doubles, fourth in Division III in rebounding 12.4 rpg.) and junior forward Sharell McMillan (24th in Division III in steals per game). Maine Presque-Isle has been led most of the season by sophomore Erica Davis, who averages close to 15 points and eight rebounds per game. St. Joseph's top player is freshman Carolyn Freeman, who averages 10.6 points per game.

Mitchell went 2-1 against the schools in this tournament. The Pequots defeated Lincoln, 76-66 and St. Joseph's, 63-33 while losing to Maine-Presque Isle, 59-56. Lincoln did not play UMPI or St. Joseph's this season. UMPI and St. Joseph's split a pair of games this season.

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