

CONNOR SPORT COURT™
Press Release



Championship Court Continues Journey from Chattanooga, Tennessee, to St Louis Friday, March 27, 2009

**The Road to the Final Four:
NCAA® Women's 2009 Championship Court Leaves on March 27,
Bound for St. Louis**

Amasa, Michigan, March 23, 2009— The countdown to the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Women's Final Four® begins Thursday, March 27, as a semi-truck and trailer carrying the Championship Court leaves on The Road to the Final Four® for its journey to the NCAA Women's Basketball Championships at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis on April 5 and 7.

The court was constructed in Amasa, Michigan at the plant of Connor Sport Court International, Inc. Surface finishing and application of the NCAA logos was completed by Praters, Inc., a Chattanooga company specializing in floor finishing and painting.

Connor Sport Court International is headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah.

NCAA® Women's Basketball is saluted by the presence of the Connor hardwood court as it makes its way to the Scottrade Center aboard a specially-marked semi-truck and trailer. Watch for the truck as you travel.

Leaving Chattanooga

The court will leave Chattanooga between 7 and 8 a.m. on Thursday, making its way across Tennessee on Interstate 24, passing through Nashville in the afternoon.

The history of the NCAA basketball championship is entwined with the court on which the game is played. Connor has been in business since 1872, and women's basketball was first played at Smith College in 1892

Through Tennessee

Connor Sport Court International salutes Tennessee where women's basketball has become legend: University of Tennessee has won the Women's Final Four Championships in 1987,

1991, 1996, 1997, and 1998 and again in 2007 and 2008, where along with Coach Pat Summit the school has set records that will be on the books for a long time to come.

On to Kentucky

Next the court will pass through southwestern Kentucky, where we honor and recognize Crystal Kelly of Western Kentucky, who in 2007 was ranked number two nationally for average points per game (24.1) and number two in field goal percentages (61.1). She finished her career at Western Kentucky by being named Sunbelt Player of the Year in 2008.

In Illinois

On Saturday, March 28, the Women's Championship Court will pass through southern Illinois. On this day we salute Stephanie Raymond of Northern Illinois who was number three in the percentage of free throws made in 2007, with a 90.1 per cent rate. She is now a rookie guard with the Chicago Sky of the WNBA. Connor Sport Court also recognizes Vickie Adelman of Western Illinois who, on Jan. 11, 1995, sank 11 three point field goals, making her the second highest three point field goal maker in women's basketball history.

Arrives in St. Louis Monday, March 30, 2009

On Monday, March 30, the Championship Court will be greeted as it arrives at the Scottrade Center between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.

The court, a QuickLock™ portable court system, was constructed by Connor especially for the NCAA Women's Final Four. It is built from maple in strict accordance with NCAA specifications. Connor Sport Court is a member of the Maple Flooring Manufacturing Association and adheres to the stringent environmental guidelines of that organization. Hardwood used in the courts is from a renewable resource, with the U.S. growing six times more hardwood than is harvested each year. Connor also offers wood certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, which identifies products from responsibly-managed forests.

The route of the truck is expected to move along Interstate 24 through Tennessee and Kentucky, then to Interstate 57 near Lake Egypt in Illinois; then to I-64 near Mount Vernon, then on to St. Louis.

Floors from past championships have often been purchased by winning schools, with some being sold as part of the fund raising effort for that college's athletics, said Ron Cerny, President and CEO of Connor Sport Court. He added that CSCI also provides the playing surface for the NCAA Men's Championships, this year scheduled for April 4 and 6 in Detroit's Ford Field.

(For a separate release on the Final Four Men's court contact Jeff Morton, 801-712-6411).

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About Connor Sport Court International

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