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The University of Dayton women's basketball team earned its first-ever NCAA tournament bid and will play Texas Christian the afternoon of Saturday, March 20, in Knoxville, Tenn.

That game follows the matchup between the University of Tennessee and Austin Peay State University, which begins at 12:16 p.m.

Both games will be broadcast on ESPN2.

The winners of those games will face each other Monday, March 22, in Knoxville.

Call the University of Dayton women's basketball office at 937-229-4447 or the University of Tennessee Athletics Ticket Office at 800-332-8657 for ticket information.

Before the Flyer women head south on I-75, the University of Dayton Arena will experience a flurry of activity.

Tonight at 7 p.m., the NCAA Men's Basketball Championships begin with the opening round matchup between Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Winthrop. Tomorrow at 7 p.m., the University of Dayton men's basketball team tips off NIT action against Illinois State.

University special events and arena staff will have about 12 hours after the NIT game to convert the arena from basketball venue to the site for the world's largest student investment forum. The RISE (Redefining Investment Strategy Education) Global Investment Forum features keynote presentations by an all-star line-up of internationally renowned finance leaders who will give participants the opportunity to discuss a wide range of financial issues with a high level of interaction.

After RISE, the arena staff will catch a bit of a breather and have about a week to switch back to basketball mode. The arena will host an NCAA Women's Basketball Championships regional March 28 and 30. It is highly anticipated that the University of Connecticut, arguably the greatest women's basketball team in history with an NCAA record 72-game winning streak, and The Ohio State University may reach the Dayton regional.

There's also a chance the Flyers men could host a second or third round NIT game in that stretch.

For ticket information for the NCAA men's opening round, Flyers NIT games and the NCAA women's basketball regional, call the University of Dayton Arena ticket office at 937-229-4433.

For more information or interviews, contact the Office of University Communications at 937-229-3241.