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FLOOR DEDICATION SET; 1989-90
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE
THREE TOURNAMENTS

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The University of Southern Indiana will dedicate the new portable wooden floor on January 5, 1989, before the game against University of Indianapolis. The first 500 fans will receive a floor-replica key chain.

The floor, which was installed in the Physical Activities Center on December 21, 1988, is composed of approximately 198 sections. The 60' X 108' floor sits 3 11/16" above the current polyurethane surface used for the last eight years. The floor cost the University about $49,000 and was built by the Horner Flooring Company of Dollar Bay, Michigan.

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The 1989-90 men's basketball schedule has the Eagles hosting two four-team tournaments and participating in an eight-team tournament in the Bahamas.

The Bahamas trip is scheduled for January 1-8, 1990. The other teams in the Freeport, Bahamas, tournament will be named in the next month.

The Eagles will host a fall tournament at PAC Arena on November 17-18, 1989. Teams which have verbally committed for the fall event are Missouri-Rolla, Knoxville College, and Oakland City College.

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The second tournament will be held December 29-30, 1989, at Roberts Stadium. The Eagles have verbal commitments from one Division I university and two highly-ranked Division II schools for what Head Coach Lionel Sinn intends to be the best Division II tournament in the country.

"A good crowd for the December tournament may entice the NCAA to bring the Division II Final Eight back to Evansville," Sinn said. "We have several influential people on the tournament committee who want to see that happen."

The Eagles also will play two Great Lakes Valley Conference games at Roberts Stadium in hope of improving attendance. The January 13, 1990, Kentucky Wesleyan game and the January 27, 1990, Kentucky State game have been slated for the stadium.

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EAGLES NOTES

-Junior Chris Johnson leads the Eagles in scoring, averaging 14 points per game while shooting 61 percent from the field. He also leads the team in assists with 30.

-Junior forward Jo Jo Harris has been academically suspended for the remainder of this year. Harris, who was on academic probation the first semester, failed to improve his grades to University standards. Through nine games Harris was averaging 4.6 points and 2.4 rebounds.

-The Lady Eagles are led by forward Shelly Scott, who is averaging 18.7 points and 9.9 rebounds per game. The Lady Eagles are 2-7 overall and 0-2 in the GLVC.