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Summary: The Cougars will take on the Coe College Kohawks coached by former Cougar coach Randi Peterson and Cougar alum assistant coach Jaime Rainey '10.

(March 2, 2011)-Making their second straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament, the Cougar women's basketball team will take on the Coe College Kohawks on Friday, March 4, 2011, at 7 p.m.

The Cougars will play on Coe's home floor, as the Kohawks will be the first and second round host of the four-team pod that also includes Lewis & Clark and Howard Payne.

Lewis & Clark and Howard Payne will start the day at 5:00 p.m., and the Cougars and Kohawks tip off at 7 p.m. The two winners will meet Saturday, March 5 at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the four-team pod can be purchased the gate the day of the game. An all-day pass Friday is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. A second-round ticket for Saturday is also \$8 for adults and \$4 for students.

Morris earned their trip to the national tournament with their UMAC Tournament Championship game win over Northwestern, an 82-74 Cougar victory.

Coe stamped its ticket to the Big Dance when the team won the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Championship Game 59-56 over Simpson.

The Kohawks enter the tournament with a 24-3 overall record, which includes a 10-2 record on their home floor, while the Cougars counter with a 21-6 record, and an 8-4 road mark. It is Morris, though, who enters the match-up as the team with tournament experience to lean on, as this is the first NCAA trip for the Kohawks.

Countering the Cougars experience will be the Kohawks' advanced knowledge of their first round opponent, as Coe head coach Randi Peterson spent three years at Morris, one as head coach, and assistant Jaime Rainey '10 is a Cougar basketball alum.

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