NIT

Tigers, Illinois to meet Sunday

Staff, wire reports

Clemson fans can plan a basketball brunch this weekend.

The Clemson men's basketball team will face Illinois in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament on Sunday in Littlejohn Coliseum. Tipoff is scheduled for 11 a.m.

Clemson defeated Georgia State on Tuesday night in the opening round and has been waiting to learn the opponent, date and time of its next game.

Illinois edged Boston University, 66-62, Wednesday night. Approximately two hours later, the early tip time was announced for the second-round game. ESPN, the broadcast network for the NIT, sets the schedule for each tournament game.

Clemson is the No. 3 seed in its quadrant of the 32-team NIT bracket. Illinois is a No. 2 seed.

Games during the first three rounds normally are held on the home court of the higher seed. However, because Illinois is renovating its home arena, Clemson will enjoy the home-court advantage once again.

GEORGIA 63, VERMONT 56: Charles Mann scored a career-high 29 points, including a three-point play with 2:25 remaining that gave Georgia the lead, and the Bulldogs beat Vermont in the first round of the NIT.

Georgia will play Louisiana Tech, which beat Iona on Wednesday night, in the second round.

Sandro Carissimo led Vermont (22-11) with 11 points.