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## Quick Facts

- The Winthrop Eagles will play No. 5 seed High Point in a semifinal game Thursday.
- Winthrop is seeded No. 1 in the 2006 Big South Conference Championship.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - With an easy 93-52 win over Liberty in the first round of the **2006 Advance Auto Parts Big South Conference Championship** on Tuesday night, **Winthrop** advances to play No. 5 seed High Point in a semifinal game Thursday.

As the regular season champion of men's basketball, **Winthrop (21-7)** is seeded No. 1 in the tournament and enjoys a home court advantage.

Thursday's tipoff is set for 7 p.m. at the **Winthrop Coliseum**. The second semifinal will match up No. 6 seed Charleston Southern and No. 2 Coastal Carolina at 9 p.m. Both games will be broadcast live on ESPNU and streamed **live** as part of the Big South Edge.

Tickets for the game are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. To purchase the tickets, call 803/323-2129, ext. 6240, or **online**.

The winners of the Thursday games play Saturday for the **Big South Championship**. The champion will receive an automatic bid to the upcoming NCAA tournament, which starts March 16.

On Tuesday, **Winthrop** placed seven players in double figures in the win against No. 8 seed Liberty. The 41-point margin is the largest spread in a Big South Conference quarterfinal game.

**Winthrop** opened an early 15-point lead as junior center Craig Bradshaw led an Eagle attack that opened the game with a 17-2 run in the first eight minutes of play.

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