

Bracket Complete for 2012 Legends Classic

ESPN Networks to televise six games

PRINCETON, N.J. - The schedule for the 2012 **Legends Classic** has been announced.

In what promises to be one of the country's most eagerly anticipated early-season basketball tournaments, the sixth annual Legends Classic will culminate with its Championship Round games being played at the brand new Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. **Indiana**, expected to be ranked No. 1 heading into the 2012-13 season, **UCLA**, featuring the nation's No. 1 rated recruiting class, and national powers **Georgetown** and **Georgia** will host a pair of Regional Round games on their home courts beginning Nov. 11 before advancing to the Championship Rounds in Brooklyn.

Joining Indiana, UCLA, Georgetown, and Georgia in the Legends Classic are UC Irvine, Duquesne, James Madison, Liberty, North Dakota State, Sam Houston State, Southern Mississippi, and Youngstown State.

ESPN Networks will televise six games of the Legends Classic, including all four Championship Round games in Brooklyn. The Indiana-Georgia semifinal game will air on ESPNU on Monday, Nov. 19, followed by the UCLA-Georgetown game on ESPN2. The consolation game on Tuesday, Nov. 20 will be shown on ESPNU with the championship game airing on ESPN.

In addition, the Nov. 11 game between Duquesne and Georgetown will be shown on ESPNU, as will the Nov. 12 Youngstown State-Georgia contest.

Additional television coverage will be announced at a later date.

Tickets for Championship Round games at the Barclays Center are on sale and may be purchased by calling **800-745-3000** or [ON-LINE](#).

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---- CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS ----

Semifinal Doubleheader
Barclays Center - Brooklyn, N.Y.
Monday, November 19 - 5:30 P.M. ET
Indiana vs. Georgia (ESPNU)
UCLA vs. Georgetown (ESPN2)

Championship Doubleheader
Barclays Center - Brooklyn, N.Y.
Tuesday, November 20 - 7:30 P.M. ET
Consolation Game (ESPNU)
Championship Game (ESPN)

---- REGIONAL ROUNDS ----

Bloomington Regional
Assembly Hall - Bloomington, Ind.
Monday, November 12 - TBA
North Dakota State vs. Indiana
Thursday, November 15 - TBA
Sam Houston State vs. Indiana

Los Angeles Regional
Pauley Pavilion - Los Angeles, Calif.
Tuesday, November 13 - TBA
UC Irvine vs. UCLA
Thursday, November 15 - TBA
James Madison vs. UCLA

Washington Regional
Verizon Center - Washington, D.C.
Sunday, November 11 - TBA
Duquesne vs. Georgetown (ESPNU)
Wednesday, November 14 - 7:00 P.M. ET
Liberty vs. Georgetown

Athens Regional
Stegeman Coliseum - Athens, Ga.
Monday, November 12 - 7:00 P.M. ET
Youngstown State vs. Georgia (ESPNU)
Thursday, November 15 - TBA
Southern Mississippi vs. Georgia

---- SUBREGIONAL ROUNDS ----

Pittsburgh Subregional
Palumbo Center - Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monday, November 19 - 4:30 P.M. ET
 Youngstown State vs. North Dakota State
 James Madison vs. Duquesne
Tuesday, November 20 - 4:30 P.M. ET
 James Madison vs. Youngstown State
 North Dakota State vs. Duquesne
Wednesday, November 21 - 4:30 P.M. ET
 North Dakota State vs. James Madison
 Youngstown State vs. Duquesne

Huntsville Subregional
Johnson Coliseum - Huntsville, Texas
Monday, November 19 - 6:00 P.M. ET
 Liberty vs. UC Irvine
 Southern Mississippi vs. Sam Houston State
Tuesday, November 20 - 6:00 P.M. ET
 UC Irvine vs. Southern Mississippi
 Liberty vs. Sam Houston State
Wednesday, November 21 - 6:00 P.M. ET
 Southern Mississippi vs. Liberty
 UC Irvine vs. Sam Houston State

Indiana Hoosiers - Head Coach: Tom Crean (Big Ten Conference)

Has won five National Championships and has been to 36 NCAA Tournaments, including a Sweet 16 appearance in last year's NCAA Tournament...fifth-year head coach Tom Crean led Indiana to its first 20-win season (27-9) since 2008 last year and what many believe to be the nation's best team entering the 2012-13 season...ended the season ranked 13th by ESPN/USA Today and 16th by the Associated Press...expected to return 12 players next year, including all five NCAA Tournament starters from last season, highlighted by sophomore forward Cody Zeller (team highs 15.6 ppg, 6.6 rpg), senior forward Christian Watford (12.6 ppg, 5.8 rpg), and senior guard Jordan Hulls (11.7 ppg, 120 assists).

UCLA Bruins - Head Coach: Ben Howland (Pacific-12 Conference)

Has won 11 National Championships and made 18 Final Four appearances in 44 trips to the NCAA Tournament...12 players, including three starters, are expected to return from last year's 19-14 squad, led by brothers David (10.2 ppg, 6.3 rpg) and Travis (11.5 ppg, 5.9 rpg) Wear, Joshua Smith (9.9 ppg), and Tyler Lamb (9.0 ppg)...the Bruins also welcome the top-ranked recruiting class in the nation, which includes highly-rated local recruit Kyle Anderson of St. Anthony High School (Jersey City, N.J.)...head coach Ben Howland has won 208 games in his nine years at the UCLA helm and guided the Bruins to three consecutive Final Fours from 2006-08.

Georgetown Hoyas - Head Coach: John Thompson III (Big East Conference)

Has been to 28 NCAA Tournaments, winning one National Championship...ended the season with a 24-9 record in advancing to the third round of the NCAA Tournament...was ranked 17th by ESPN/USA Today and 15th by the Associated Press in 2011-12...expected to return nine players from last year's team, including two starters - junior guard Markel Starks (6.7 ppg), and junior forward Nate Lubick (3.5 ppg), along with sophomore forward Otto Porter (9.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg)...the Hoyas have won 20 or more games six of the last seven years under head coach John Thompson III.

Georgia Bulldogs - Head Coach: Mark Fox (Southeastern Conference)

The Bulldogs went to their first NCAA Tournament since 2008 in 2010-11...this past year, 11 underclassmen dotted the roster, including seven of the team's top nine scorers...those returning will be led into this season by sophomores Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (13.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg, Southeastern Conference All-Freshman selection) and Nemanja Djurisic (7.0 ppg)...head coach Mark Fox is in his fourth year at Georgia and has led his teams to six 20-win seasons in his eight previous years as a head coach.

UC Irvine Anteaters - Head Coach: Russell Turner (Big West Conference)

After a season as one of the youngest teams in the nation, UC Irvine returns five starters from a squad that went 12-20 in 2011-12...third-year head coach Russell Turner will rely on the trio of senior forward Michael Wilder (11.5 ppg), senior guard Damon Starring (11.4 ppg, 100 assists), and junior guard Chris McNealy (10.2 ppg) to lead the Anteaters into the postseason for the first time since 2001-02.

Duquesne Dukes - Head Coach: Jim Ferry (Atlantic 10 Conference)

Jim Ferry inherits a team that won 16 games a year ago but loses four of its top five scorers...Ferry comes to Duquesne after leading LIU to the NCAA Tournament each of the last two seasons...guard Sean Johnson (11.3 ppg) and forward Andre Marhold (5.2 ppg), both seniors, are the two starters returning from last year's 16-15 squad...Ferry and his staff brought in a five-man recruiting class in less than six weeks on the job.

James Madison Dukes - Head Coach: Matt Brady (Colonial Athletic Association)

The Dukes welcome back three of their top four scorers from last season's 12-20 team...headlining the returning players is senior guard A.J. Davis, who led JMU with a 15.9 ppg average while rebounding at a 4.7 rpg clip...senior forward Andrey Semenov netted 10.2 ppg and is the Dukes' leading returning rebounder at 4.8 rpg...senior guard Devon Moore (8.8 ppg) handed out 101 assists for Matt Brady's squad in 2011-12.

Liberty Flames - Head Coach: Dale Layer (Big South Conference)

The Flames look to improve upon their 14-win season of a year ago...fourth-year head coach Dale Layer, who has won over 300 games during his coaching career, welcomes back three starters, each of whom averaged double figures - junior guard

John Caleb Sanders (11.6 ppg), senior forward Antwan Burrus (11.2 ppg, 6.3 rpg), and senior guard Tavares Speaks (10.2 ppg).

North Dakota State Bison - Head Coach: Saul Phillips (Summit League)

The Bison earned their second postseason appearance in four years with a berth in the College Basketball Invitational presented by Zebra Pen...return four starters and the top five scorers from last season's 17-14 team...Taylor Braun led the Bison in both scoring (15.4 ppg) and rebounding (6.6 rpg)...Lawrence Alexander (12.8 ppg) dished out a team-best 142 assists...head coach Saul Phillips has led the Bison to 84 wins in his five seasons at the helm of NDSU.

Sam Houston State Bearkats - Head Coach: Jason Hooten (Southland Conference)

Third-year head coach Jason Hooten welcomes back two of his top five scorers from a year ago...junior guard DeMarcus Gatlin is Sam Houston State's leading returning scorer after netting 10.4 ppg last season...he is joined by senior backcourt mate Darius Gatson, who handed out a team-high 143 assists while also scoring at a 6.7 ppg clip...eight newcomers dot a roster that includes no one with more than one letter earned as a Bearkat.

Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles - Head Coach: Donnie Tyndall (Conference USA)

Donnie Tyndall takes over at Southern Miss after leading Morehead State to 114 wins and three straight 20-win seasons in his six years...Tyndall inherits a team that went 25-9 last season and earned its first NCAA bid in 21 years...two starters are back, as is leading scorer Neil Watson, who netted 12.3 ppg as a sophomore...seniors Jonathan Mills (9.5 ppg, 6.1 rpg) and Rashard McGill (2.6 ppg) started for the Golden Eagles in 2011-12.

Youngstown State Penguins - Head Coach: Jerry Slocum (Horizon League)

In going 16-15 last season, the Penguins posted their most wins since the 2000-01 season...return their top three scorers from last season, led by junior guard Kendrick Perry, who registered team highs in scoring (16.8 ppg), assists (121), and steals (74)...senior backcourt mate Blake Allen tallied 12.8 ppg while senior Damian Eagle leads the frontcourt with an 11.1 ppg average and a team-high 7.5 rpg...head coach Jerry Slocum has won over 650 games during his career.

In the first five years of its existence, the Legends Classic has featured seven teams that went on to advance to at least the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, including NC State this past season. Additionally, Texas (2008) and Pittsburgh (2009) advanced to the Elite Eight and Michigan State (2010) played in the Final Four.

At last season's Legends Classic, then-No. 18 Vanderbilt captured a 64-62 win over Oregon State behind the 14-point effort of tournament MVP John Jenkins.

The Legends Classic is produced by the Gazelle Group in Princeton, N.J. The Gazelle Group is a sports marketing firm, specializing in event production and management, client representation, and sponsorship consulting. Gazelle produces numerous nationally-recognized events, such as the 2K Sports Classic, the Gotham Classic, the CBI presented by Zebra Pen, and the All-American Championship. The Gazelle Group is a member of USA Basketball. For more information on the Gazelle Group, please visit www.gazellegroup.com.

The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the Legends Classic. Entering its 32nd season, the NEC is a NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of 12 institutions of higher learning located throughout six states. For more information on the NEC, visit the official website at www.northeastconference.org or follow on Twitter @NECsports.

Scheduled to open in September, Barclays Center will be a major sports and entertainment venue in the heart of Brooklyn, New York. Designed by the award-winning architectural firms AECOM (www.aecom.com/architecture) and SHoP Architects (www.shoparc.com), Barclays Center will have one of the most intimate seating configurations ever designed into a modern multi-purpose arena, with unparalleled sightlines and first-class amenities. Barclays Center will offer approximately 18,000 seats for basketball and up to 19,000 seats for concerts, and will also have 100 luxury suites, four bars/lounges, three clubs, and a restaurant.

Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, Barclays Center will be accessible by 11 subway lines and the Long Island Rail Road.