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Pitt, Stanford, Texas Tech, and Houston Headline 2013 Legends Classic Field

Tickets go on sale to the public Friday for Championship Rounds at Barclays Center

PRINCETON, N.J./BROOKLYN, N.Y. - Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Friday for the Championship Rounds of the **Legends Classic** men's basketball tournament, which returns to Brooklyn's Barclays Center for the second consecutive year.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for Championship Round games of the Legends Classic at Barclays Center will go on sale to the general public on Friday, May 24 at 10:00am and can be purchased online via Ticketmaster by visiting www.barclayscenter.com or www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling 800-745-3000. Tickets are also available at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center beginning Tuesday, May 28 at 10:00am.

Highlighting the field for the seventh annual **Legends Classic** are **Pittsburgh, Stanford, Texas Tech, and Houston**. These four teams, with a combined 73 NCAA Tournament appearances among them, will each host a pair of regional round games on campus from Nov. 17-21 before facing off at Barclays Center in the Championship Rounds on Nov. 25 & 26. The remainder of the eight-team field will participate in subregionals held at a campus site.

Pittsburgh - 2013 marked the 24th NCAA Tournament appearance by the Panthers, including 11 bids in the last 12 years...Pitt ended its Big East membership with the league's best record over the last dozen years (141-63, .691)...head coach Jamie Dixon sees the return of three starters and six of last season's top 10 scorers as Pitt enters its first year as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference...senior swingman Lamar Patterson (10.0 ppg, 94 assists) and sophomore point guard James Robinson (6.1 ppg, 116 assists) headline the returnees...the Panthers were 24-9 in 2012-13.

Stanford - The Cardinal advanced to the NIT for the second consecutive season in posting a 19-15 record...head coach Johnny Dawkins will welcome back 14 players from last year's squad, including eight of his top nine scorers...leading the way are senior forward Dwight Powell and junior guard Chasson Randle...Powell led the Cardinal in scoring (14.9 ppg) and rebounding (8.2 rpg), while Randle netted 13.6 ppg and handed out 89 assists...Stanford has been to 16 NCAA Tournaments.

Texas Tech - The Red Raiders are under the direction of first-year head coach Tubby Smith, who has 511 wins and 17 NCAA appearances under his belt...Smith inherits a roster that returns 10 players from a year ago, led by senior forward Jaye Crockett, who posted team highs of 11.9 ppg and 6.5 rpg...also back is junior frontcourt player Jordan Tolbert, who averaged 9.9 points and 5.5 rebounds a game...Texas Tech has participated in 14 NCAA Tournaments.

Houston - Head coach James Dickey guided the Cougars to a 20-13 mark, the first 20-win season since the 2008-09 campaign, and the quarterfinals of the College Basketball Invitational...first-team Conference USA selection junior TaShawn Thomas (16.9 ppg, 9.8 rpg) leads a team that returns all but two players from a year ago...junior guard Joseph Young paced Houston with his 18.0 ppg average last season...the Cougars have been to 19 NCAA Tournaments and five Final Fours...Houston will begin its association with the American Athletic Conference in 2013-14.

Matchups for the Championship Rounds, which will be aired on ESPN Networks, as well as the entire bracket for the 2013 Legends Classic, will be announced at a later date.

A year ago, No. 1 Indiana needed overtime to defeat Georgetown, 82-72, in the championship game of the Legends Classic. In a contest that saw 11 lead changes and six ties, the Hoyas outscored Indiana 8-1 in the final 1:04 of regulation to send the game into overtime on Otto Porter's lay-up with six seconds left. However, Hoosier Jordan Hulls scored six of his team-high 17 points in overtime to earn tournament MVP honors.

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The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the Legends Classic. Now in 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](https://twitter.com/NECsports).

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