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A capsule preview of tonight's Legends Classic games

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Georgia Tech (3-1) vs. Texas-El Paso (3-1), 5:30 p.m.

This is the first time these teams will face each other since 1981.

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets return 12 players from last year's team that made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Iman Shumpert, one of two returning starters, leads Tech with 15.3 points and 7.3 rebounds in four games.

This isn't Tech's first trip to Boardwalk Hall. The Yellow Jackets lost to Temple 76-58 on Dec. 7, 1996 in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Texas-El Paso: Tim Floyd is in his first season as coach for the Miners, who made the NCAA Tournament last year for the first time since 2005. Floyd has faced Tech coach Paul Hewitt once before. Floyd's USC Trojans defeated the Yellow Jackets 76-57 on Dec. 22, 2008.

Randy Culpepper, the reigning Conference USA Player of the Year, leads the Miners with 19.0 points in four games. He is currently shooting 44 percent (11-for-25) from 3-point range.

Michigan (3-0) vs. No. 9 Syracuse (4-0),

approx., 7:30 p.m.

Both teams are on the road for the first time this season.

Syracuse: Syracuse is one of the best teams in the country, ranked No. 9 by the Associated Press.

Senior Rick Jackson, who is averaging 13.0 points and 13.0 rebounds per game, leads the Orange. He has posted double-doubles in each of the last three games.

Syracuse recorded its 40th consecutive winning season last year on its way to a Sweet 16 appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Michigan: The Wolverines boast a very young team with no seniors and four juniors.

However, they were young last year too, and another year of experience is going to help.


The Wolverines are 3-0 this season and have won by an average of 24 points in three games.

Coach John Beilein won his 600th career game as Michigan beat Gardner-Webb 80-55, but he has never beaten Syracuse's Jim Boeheim in head-to-head competition. He is 0-8 against him.

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