

NC State a host school in Legends Classic hoops event

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New NC State basketball coach Mark Gottfried vowed to strengthen their schedule and he didn't waste any time doing so.

NC State is one of four schools in the 2011 Legends Classic that will host regional rounds from November 13-17. Texas, Vanderbilt and Oregon State will also be hosts in the field.

The four host schools will advance to the Championship rounds which will take place at the IZOD Center in the New Jersey Meadowlands Sports Complex, November 19 & 21. The remainder of the field will take part in subregionals held on various campuses.

The Legends Classic posted on their web site the following scouting reports on the host schools.

NC State - Enters the 2011-12 season under the direction of new head coach Mark Gottfried, who previously coached at Murray State and Alabama, leading the Crimson Tide to the Elite Eight in 2004...the Wolfpack return 10 players from last season, including sophomore forward CJ Leslie (11.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg), a member of the ACC all-freshman team, and junior forward Scott Wood (9.7 ppg), who has more three-pointers (135) after his sophomore season than any player in school history after two seasons.

Texas - Has appeared in each of the last 13 NCAA Tournaments - tied for the fourth-longest streak in the country...Texas, ranked No. 8 in the final Associated Press poll, posted a 28-8 record in 2010-11 with the 28 wins being the third most in school history...the Longhorns have won 20 or more games each of the last 12 seasons...junior guard J'Covan Brown (10.4 ppg) leads a team that welcomes a Top 10 recruiting class in 2011...head coach Rick Barnes has won over 500 games during his career...Texas won the inaugural Legends Classic in 2007.

Vanderbilt - Has posted 20-win seasons six of the last eight years, including going 23-11 in 2010-11...the Commodores have gone to the NCAA Tournament four of the last five seasons...ended the season ranked No. 25 by the Associated Press...Vandy returns 11 of 13 players from last year's team, including all five starters...among the key returning players are junior guard John Jenkins (19.5 ppg), a SEC first-team selection, and senior center Festus Ezeli (13.0 ppg, 6.3 rpg), a second-team all-league choice...head coach Kevin Stallings has led the Commodores to unparalleled heights in his 12 years in Nashville.

Oregon State - Has won 43 games over the last three seasons - the most over any three-year span in nearly 20 years...the Beavers won the 2009 College Basketball Invitational in head coach Craig Robinson's first season at OSU...11 players return for the 2011-12 season, including four starters...leading the way is junior guard Jared Cunningham, a second-team All-Pac-10 selection who led OSU in scoring (14.2 ppg) a year ago...sophomore Ahmad Starks (7.8 ppg) joins Cunningham in the Beavers' backcourt.

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