

[Campus Rivalry](#)

[Top 25: TCU jumps Boise State for No. 3 spot; Oregon still No. 1](#)

[Oregon stays No. 1 in BCS; TCU solidifies third spot ahead of Boise State](#)

Nov 07, 2010

## College hoops season ready to tip off with 2K Sports Classic

06:08 PM

Share

Comment

Recommend

The college football regular season still has about four weeks to go, but college basketball will tip off Monday with four games in the 2K Sports Classic Benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer. Three of the contests involve ranked teams.

No. 4 Pittsburgh, the favorite in the Big East, opens at home against Rhode Island. No. 16 Illinois, which is trying to get back to the NCAA tournament after missing out last year, plays at home against UC-Irvine. No. 25 Texas opens in Austin against Navy, and Maryland plays host to Seattle.

The four host schools also play home games in the event Wednesday and, regardless of how those four do either night, they are guaranteed to advance to the semifinals Nov. 18 in New York. Pitt will play Maryland, and Illinois takes on Texas.

The Panthers return four starters and seven of their top eight scorers from a 2009-10 team that finished 25-9 and advanced to its ninth consecutive NCAA tournament before falling to Xavier in the second round.

Texas was No. 1 for a time in the regular season last year, but stumbled down the stretch and was eliminated in the first round of the tournament by Wake Forest.

Maryland went out in the second round to Michigan State, which went on to the Final Four. The Illini went to the NIT.

The rest of the Division I men's — and women's — teams begin their seasons Friday.

-- Jack Carey

See photos of: [University of Texas](#)

Tags:

[University of Texas](#) [University of Maryland](#) [University of Illinois](#) [University of Pittsburgh](#)



CAPTION  
By Keith Srakocic, AP

**You might be interested in:**



Heisman update:  
Newton, James,  
Moore, Luck  
[USATODAY.com](#)  
in Campus Rivalry



Carrie  
Underwood's  
CMA Awards  
highlights  
[USATODAY.com](#)  
in Idol Chatter



Denver Broncos  
fire head coach  
Josh McDaniels  
[USATODAY.com](#)  
in The Huddle



Early Signs That  
You Might Have  
Multiple  
Sclerosis  
[EverydayHealth.com](#)

Paid Distribution

[?]

Previous [Top 25: TCU jumps Boise State for No. 3 spot; Oregon still No. 1](#)

Next [Oregon stays No. 1 in BCS; TCU solidifies third spot ahead of Boise State](#)

To report corrections and clarifications, contact Standards Editor [Brent Jones](#). For publication consideration in the newspaper, send comments to [letters@usatoday.com](mailto:letters@usatoday.com). Include name, phone number, city and state for verification. To view our corrections, go to [corrections.usatoday.com](http://corrections.usatoday.com).  
Guidelines: You share in the USA TODAY community, so please keep your comments smart and civil. Don't attack other readers personally, and keep your language decent. Use the "Report Abuse" button to make a difference. [Read more](#).  
You must be logged in to leave a comment. [Log in](#) | [Register](#)

Submit  Post this comment to Facebook?

Comments: (0) Showing:  Newest first  New: Most recommended!