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Regional Round Matchups Announced for 4th Annual Legends Classic Syracuse, Michigan, Georgia Tech, UTEP to host Regional Round games

PRINCETON, N.J. - Syracuse, Michigan, Georgia Tech, and UTEP will host Regional Round games of the 2010 Legends Classic, which has fast become one of the nation's premier early-season college basketball events.

Each institution will host two Regional Round games before heading to historic Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, N.J., for the Championship Rounds on Nov. 26-27.

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Syracuse Regional Rounds

Carrier Dome - Syracuse, N.Y.

Nov. 16 - Detroit at Syracuse

Nov. 21 - William & Mary at Syracuse

Atlanta Regional Rounds

Alexander Memorial Coliseum - Atlanta, Ga.

Nov. 17 - Albany at Georgia Tech

Nov. 19 - Niagara at Georgia Tech

Ann Arbor Regional Rounds

Crisler Arena - Ann Arbor, Mich.

Nov. 18 - Bowling Green at Michigan

Nov. 21 - Gardner-Webb at Michigan

El Paso Regional Rounds

Don Haskins Center - El Paso, Texas

Nov. 14 - Mercer at UTEP

Nov. 20 - Western Carolina at UTEP

Matchups, game times, and television details for the Championship Rounds at Boardwalk Hall and the Subregional Rounds at Detroit and William & Mary will be announced at a later date.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for Championship Round games at Boardwalk Hall are now **ON SALE** and may be purchased by calling **Ticketmaster** at **800-736-1420** or through Ticketmaster.com.

THE FIELD

Syracuse - Ended the 2009-10 season ranked fourth (AP) and eighth (ESPN/*USA Today*) while going 30-5, winning the Big East regular season title and advancing to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament...the Orange return 11 players, including junior forward Kris Joseph, who averaged 10.8 points and 5.5 rebounds a game, senior guard Scoop Jardine (Philadelphia, Pa./Neumann-Goretti H.S.), who posted averages of 9.1 points and a team-high 4.3 assists a game, and senior forward Rick Jackson (Philadelphia, Pa./Neumann-Goretti H.S.), who scored 9.7 ppg and is Syracuse's leading returning rebounder at 7.0 rpg...the Orange's recruiting class, which is rated as high as fourth by The Sporting News, is led by Philadelphia's Dion Waiters (Life Center Academy (N.J.))...Syracuse won the 2008 O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic and the 2009 Coaches vs. Cancer Classic...the Orange are ranked 17th in Andy Katz's (ESPN) preseason Top 25 and seventh in Dick Vitale's (ESPN) preseason Top 40.

Michigan - Began the 2009-10 season ranked 15th in both polls...the Wolverines were the youngest team in the Big Ten last season and return 10 players from last year's roster...junior guard Zack Novak averaged 7.4 ppg and 4.3 rpg and is the leading returning player in both categories...junior guard Stu Douglass netted 6.8 points a game to go along with handing out 2.5 assists per outing...nine of Michigan's 2009-10 losses were by seven points or less.

Georgia Tech - Posted a 23-13 record and advanced to the championship game of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament and the second round of the NCAA Tournament...the NCAA trip was the 16th in school history and the 24th postseason bid...the Yellow Jackets return 12 players, including junior guard Iman Shumpert, who averaged 10.0 points and a team-high 4.0 assists a game...sophomore forward Brian Oliver of Glassboro, N.J., (William Penn H.S. (Del.)) tallied 7.1 points per game.

UTEP - Posted a 26-7 record and won the Conference USA regular season title...UTEP also earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2005...the Miners are led by senior guard Randy Culpepper, who paced UTEP in scoring with a 17.9 ppg average to earn Conference USA Player of the Year honors...senior forward Jeremy Williams posted averages of 10.0 points and 4.7 rebounds an outing...this season the Miners will be under the direction of first-year head coach Tim Floyd, who has amassed 328 wins during his career...UTEP is ranked 37th in Dick Vitale's (ESPN) preseason Top 40.

Albany - Albany returns 12 players from last season, seven of whom were freshmen in 2009-10.

Bowling Green - After winning the Mid-American Conference championship in 2009 and losing four of its top five scorers from that team, Bowling Green was a respectable 14-16 last season...this year nine players return.

Detroit - Detroit went 20-14 in 2009-10, marking the team's first winning season in six years and the first 20-win campaign since 2000-01...this year head coach Ray McCallum welcomes his son, Ray McCallum, who is rated among the nation's Top 20 recruits by ESPN.com.

Gardner-Webb - The Bulldogs, who have been playing at the Division I level since the 2000-01 season, will be under the direction of new head coach Chris Holtmann.

Mercer - Mercer posted a 16-17 record in advancing to the title game of the Atlantic Sun Tournament last year, marking the first time the Bears had won an A-Sun Tournament game since 2003...it was their first trip to the championship match since 1996.

Niagara - Niagara advanced to the semifinals of the MAAC Tournament en route to an 18-15 record in 2009-10.

Western Carolina - The Catamounts set a Division I school record with 22 wins last season in going 22-12, their first winning season since 1996-97 and first 20-win season since 1971-72...in addition, their 11 Southern Conference wins tied a school record.

William & Mary - William & Mary went 22-11 in 2009-10, advancing to the championship game of the CAA Tournament for the second time in three years...the Tribe were rewarded with their second postseason bid ever when they were accorded an NIT berth.

The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the Legends Classic. Now entering its 30th 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 www.northeastconference.org.

The Legends Classic is produced by The Gazelle Group of 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 Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, the O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic, and the College Basketball Invitational (CBI). For more information on The Gazelle Group, please visit www.gazellegroup.com.

Historic Boardwalk Hall first opened its doors in 1929 and recently underwent a three-year, \$90 million renovation to transform the building into a modern special events arena. Listed on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, it has been recognized as Atlantic City's premier entertainment venue, known for high profile concerts, family shows, and sporting events. Visit www.boardwalkhall.com for more information. For destination information about Atlantic City, visit www.atlanticcitynj.com.

The 2010 Legends Classic will be the third aired on HDNet. HDNet is the independent network with unique and thought-provoking content that appeals to men of all ages and is delivered in true high definition. HDNet is the exclusive, high definition home for popular, original programming, including television's only HD news feature programs "HDNet World Report," and the Emmy Award winning "Dan Rather Reports," featuring legendary journalist Dan Rather. HDNet presents championship sports coverage featuring the best of Mixed Martial Arts with its Friday night series, "HDNet Fights," and live games from the recently launched United Football League. HDNet also delivers the world's largest and most diverse concert line-up through the HDNet Concert Series. The HDNet Concert Series features leading artists and bands including Paul McCartney, Mariah Carey, Green Day, and more. HDNet is also the exclusive high definition home to critically acclaimed and award winning documentaries as part of the InFocus series. "NASA on HDNet" presents all live shuttle launches through 2010.

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