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Legends Classic Opens on Sunday

PRINCETON, N.J. – The fourth annual Legends Classic commences on Sunday.

It starts at the El Paso Regional when UTEP begins the Tim Floyd Era with a 2:00pm (ET) tip-off against Mercer. The Miners will then entertain Western Carolina in their other Regional Round game on Saturday, Nov. 20.

The Syracuse Regional Round begins on Tuesday, Nov. 16 when the host Orange entertain Detroit. That game will begin at 7:00pm (ET) and can be seen on ESPN3.com. No. 13 Syracuse's other Regional Round game will take place on Sunday, Nov. 21 when William & Mary heads to the Carrier Dome for a 2:00pm (ET) tip on Time Warner Cable.

Georgia Tech will host the Atlanta Regional, which begins on Wednesday, Nov. 17. The Yellow Jackets will face Albany at 7:30pm (ET) before meeting Niagara two nights later, also at 7:30pm (ET).

Michigan is the last of the four Regional Round hosts to open play in the Legends Classic. The Ann Arbor Regional begins on Thursday, Nov. 18 when the Wolverines meet Bowling Green in a 7:00pm (ET) tip on the Big Ten Network. Michigan will then face Gardner-Webb on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2:00pm (ET) on bigtennetwork.com.

Once Regional Round play concludes, Syracuse, Michigan, Georgia Tech, and UTEP will converge on Atlantic City, N.J., and square off in the Championship Rounds of the Legends Classic. Semifinal games will take place on Friday, Nov. 26 with the consolation and championship games being played at historic Boardwalk Hall on Nov. 27. All four games of the Championship Rounds will be televised live by HDNet.

The remaining eight teams of the 12-team field will participate in Subregional action at two sites. Detroit will host Albany, Bowling Green, and Niagara with each team playing three games at Calihan Hall from Nov. 26-28. Gardner-Webb, Mercer, and Western Carolina will travel to William & Mary where the Tribe will serve as host for three days of doubleheaders from Nov. 26-28 at William & Mary Hall.

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 2K Sports Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, 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.

The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the Legends Classic. Now in 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.

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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