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## Legends Classic Semifinal Match-ups Set

ESPN Networks to televise all four Championship Round games

**PRINCETON, N.J.** - The semifinal match-ups for the 2012 **Legends Classic** have been set.

In what promises to be one of the country's most eagerly anticipated early-season basketball tournaments, the sixth annual Legends Classic will culminate with its Championship Round games being played at the brand new Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The first game of the semifinal doubleheader at the Barclays Center on Monday, November 19 will feature Indiana, expected to be ranked No. 1 heading into the 2012-13 season, facing Georgia in a 5:30 p.m. (ET) tip on ESPNU. That game will be followed by UCLA, featuring the nation's No. 1 rated recruiting class, taking on Georgetown in a game that will air on ESPN2.

The semifinal round winners will square off Tuesday, November 20 for the Legends Classic championship on ESPN, preceded by the consolation game at 7:30 p.m. (ET) on ESPNU.

In all, the four schools advancing to the Barclays Center have combined for **119 trips to the NCAA Tournament**.

The complete bracket for the 2012 Legends Classic will be announced at a later date.

Tickets for Championship Round games at the Barclays Center are on sale and may be purchased by calling **800-745-3000** or **ON-LINE**.

### ---- CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS ----

#### **Semifinal Doubleheader**

*Barclays Center - Brooklyn, N.Y.*

**Monday, November 19 - 5:30 P.M. ET**

Indiana vs. Georgia (ESPNU)

UCLA vs. Georgetown (ESPN2)

#### **Championship Doubleheader**

*Barclays Center - Brooklyn, N.Y.*

**Tuesday, November 20 - 7:30 P.M. ET**

Consolation Game (ESPNU)

Championship Game (ESPN)

**Indiana** - Has won five National Championships and has been to 36 NCAA Tournaments, including a Sweet 16 appearance in last year's NCAA Tournament...fifth-year head coach Tom Crean has restored the Hoosiers' storied program to its rightful place among the nation's elite, leading Indiana to its first 20-win season (27-9) since 2008 last year and what many believe to be the nation's best team entering the 2012-13 season...ended the season ranked 13th ESPN/USA Today and 16th by the Associated Press...expected to return 12 players next year, including all five NCAA Tournament starters from last season, highlighted by Cody Zeller, Christian Watford, and Jordan Hulls.

**UCLA** - Has won 11 National Championships and made 18 Final Four appearances in 44 trips to the NCAA Tournament...12 players, including three starters, are expected to return from last year's 19-14 squad, led by brothers David and Travis Wear, Joshua Smith and Tyler Lamb...the Bruins also welcome the top-ranked recruiting class in the nation, which includes highly-rated local recruit Kyle Anderson of St. Anthony High School (Jersey City, N.J.)...head coach Ben Howland has won 208 games in his nine years at the UCLA helm and guided the Bruins to three consecutive Final Fours from 2006-08.

**Georgetown** - Has been to 28 NCAA Tournaments, winning one National Championship...ended the season with a 24-9 record in advancing to the third round of the NCAA Tournament...were ranked 17th by ESPN/USA Today and 15th by the Associated Press in 2011-12...expected to return 11 players from last year's team, including three starters - Hollis Thompson, Markel Starks, and Nate Lubick...the Hoyas have won 20 or more games six of the last seven years under head coach John Thompson III.

**Georgia** - The Bulldogs went to their first NCAA Tournament since 2008 in 2010-11...this past year, 11 underclassmen dotted the roster, including seven of the team's top nine scorers...those returning will be led into this season by sophomores Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (Southeastern Conference All-Freshman selection) and Nemanja Djuricic...head coach Mark Fox is in his fourth year at Georgia and has led his teams to six 20-win seasons in his eight previous years as a head coach.

In the first five years of its existence, the Legends Classic has featured seven teams that went on to advance to at least the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament, including NC State this past season. Additionally, Texas (2008) and Pittsburgh (2009) advanced to the Elite Eight and Michigan State (2010) played in the Final Four.

At last season's Legends Classic, then-No. 18 Vanderbilt captured a 64-62 win over Oregon State behind the 14-point effort of tournament MVP John Jenkins.

The Legends Classic is produced by the Gazelle Group in 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, the Gotham Classic, the CBI presented by Zebra Pen, and the All-American Championship. The Gazelle Group is a member of USA Basketball. For more information on the Gazelle Group, please visit [www.gazellegroup.com](http://www.gazellegroup.com).

The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the Legends Classic. Entering its 32nd 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 the official website at [www.northeastconference.org](http://www.northeastconference.org) or follow on Twitter @NECsports.

Scheduled to open in September, Barclays Center will be a major sports and entertainment venue in the heart of Brooklyn, New York. Designed by the award-winning architectural firms AECOM ([www.aecom.com/architecture](http://www.aecom.com/architecture)) and SHoP Architects ([www.shoparc.com](http://www.shoparc.com)), Barclays Center will have one of the most intimate seating configurations ever designed into a modern multi-purpose arena, with unparalleled sightlines and first-class amenities. Barclays Center will offer approximately 18,000 seats for basketball and up to 19,000 seats for concerts, and will also have 100 luxury suites, four bars/lounges, three clubs, and a restaurant.

Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, Barclays Center will be accessible by 11 subway lines and the Long Island Rail Road.