

NC State, Marquette, LSU, Arizona State Highlight Outstanding

2015 Legends Classic Field

Championship Rounds at Barclays Center

Tickets go on sale Thursday, March 12

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PRINCETON, N.J./BROOKLYN, N.Y. - The Championship Rounds of **Legends Classic** men's basketball tournament return to Barclays Center in Brooklyn for the fourth consecutive year on Nov. 23 and 24 with traditional powers **NC State, Marquette, LSU, and Arizona State** headlining the event. All four games of the Championship Rounds will be aired on ESPN networks.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for Championship Round games of the Legends Classic at Barclays Center will go on sale to the general public on Thursday, March 12 at 10:00am and can be purchased online via Ticketmaster by visiting www.barclayscenter.com or www.ticketmaster.com, or by calling 800-745-3000.

NC State, Marquette, LSU, and Arizona State, with a combined 90 NCAA Tournament appearances and eight Final Fours among them, will each host a pair of regional round games on campus before squaring off at Barclays Center on Nov. 23 and 24.

NC State Wolfpack - Head Coach: Mark Gottfried (Atlantic Coast Conference)

Head coach Mark Gottfried has led the Wolfpack to a 19-12 record this season, including seven top 65 RPI wins and two top 15 RPI road wins (Duke, Louisville)...in his first three years at NC State, Gottfried guided his teams to the NCAA Tournament each of those seasons, becoming just the fourth coach in ACC history to do so...12 players, including four starters, are expected back next season, headlined by the back court of junior Trevor Lacey (16.1 ppg, 103 assists) and sophomore Cat Barber (11.8 ppg, 113 assists)...this will be the Wolfpack's second Legends Classic appearance (2011).

Marquette Golden Eagles - Head Coach: Steve Wojciechowski (Big East Conference)

Marquette is under the direction of first-year head coach Steve Wojciechowski, who served on Mike Krzyzewski's staff at Duke for 15 years after his playing career at Duke came to an end...eight players off this year's 11-man roster are expected to return in 2015-16, including freshman guard Duane Wilson (12.1 ppg, 65 assists) and sophomore center Luke Fischer (11.0 ppg, 4.8 rpg)...they will be joined by one of the best recruiting classes in school history, headlined by five-star recruit 6-10 Henry Ellenson (Rice Lake, Wis.)...Marquette will be making its first appearance in the Legends Classic.

LSU Tigers - Head Coach: Johnny Jones (Southeastern Conference)

Head coach Johnny Jones has won 61 games in three seasons at his alma mater, improving the Tigers' win-loss record every season...this year, LSU is 22-9...all five starters are expected back next season, as well as 13 players from the 15-man roster...sophomore forward Jarell Martin is the Tigers' leading scorer at 16.9 ppg while his classmate, forward Jordan Mickey, is right behind at 16.0 ppg with a team-best 9.9 rpg average...joining the roster next year will be 6-10 Australian Ben Simmons, the No. 1 recruit in the country and projected top pick in the 2016 NBA Draft...Simmons currently plays at Montverde Academy in Florida...LSU will be playing in the Legends Classic for the first time.

Arizona State Sun Devils - Head Coach: Herb Sendek (Pacific-12 Conference)

In nine years at Arizona State, head coach Herb Sendek has posted over 150 wins to go along with his

more than 400 career wins (the third-youngest active coach to win 400 games)...under his tutelage the Sun Devils have posted five seasons of at least 21 wins (ASU has 12 seasons of 21+ wins all-time) and gone to two NCAA Tournaments...the Sun Devils are 17-14 with 13 players, including four starters, expected back next season...junior guard Gary Blakes (11.2 ppg, 56 assists) and sophomore forward Savon Goodman (11.0 ppg, 7.0 rpg) lead the group...this will mark the Sun Devils' first time playing in the Legends Classic...Brooklyn Nets head coach Lionel Hollins had his number retired at ASU.

Matchups for the Championship Rounds, which will be aired on ESPN Networks, as well as the entire bracket for the 2015 Legends Classic, will be announced at a later date.

In the **2014 Legends Classic**, Dylan Ennis scored 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting from the field, including 3-of-6 from three, to lead then-No. 12 Villanova to a 60-55 win over then-No. 19 Michigan in the championship game.

Brooklyn Nets All-Access season ticket buyers have the opportunity to purchase tickets for Barclays Center events before the general public. For more information, visit www.barclayscenter.com. To receive the latest updates and special pre-sale offers, become a Barclays Center *Behind the Scenes* newsletter recipient, and follow [@BarclaysCenter](https://twitter.com/BarclaysCenter) on Twitter and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BarclaysCenter).

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The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the Legends Classic. Now in its 34th season, the NEC is a NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of 10 institutions of higher learning located throughout six states. For more information on the NEC, visit the official website at www.northeastconference.org or follow on Twitter [@NECsports](https://twitter.com/NECsports).

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Barclays Center has redefined the arena customer service and culinary experience. Its more than 2,000 employees are trained by Disney Institute, the business advisory arm of The Walt Disney Company, and its BrooklynTaste food program features selections from 55 well-known restaurants and vendors in the borough.

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