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Championship Round Match-ups Announced for 2K Classic Texas vs. Iowa, Syracuse vs. California in semifinal doubleheader at MSG

MEDIA NOTE: Please note the name change to 2K Classic from 2K Sports Classic.

PRINCETON, N.J. – The Championship Rounds of the 20th annual 2K Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project begin with Texas vs. Iowa and Syracuse vs. California in a semifinal doubleheader at Madison Square Garden on Thursday, November 20.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for Championship Round games of the 2K Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project at Madison Square Garden are on sale and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 866-448-7849 or through Ticketmaster.com.

After playing a pair of Regional Round games on campus, the four schools will head to Madison Square Garden for the Championship Rounds of the 2K Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project. In the first game of the semifinal doubleheader on Thursday, November 20, Texas will face Iowa in a 7:00 p.m. (ET) tip-off. That game will be followed by Syracuse taking on California. Both games will be televised live on ESPN2. The winners will then meet for the 2K Classic championship on Friday, November 21 on ESPN2, preceded by the consolation game at 5:00 p.m. (ET) on either ESPN2 or ESPNU.

In all, the four teams participating in the Championship Rounds of the 2K Classic combine for 109 NCAA Tournament appearances.

The complete bracket and additional television information for the 2K Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project will be announced at a later date.

---- CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS ----

Semifinal Doubleheader

Madison Square Garden — New York, N.Y.

November 20 — 7:00 p.m. (ET)

Texas vs. Iowa (ESPN2)

Syracuse vs. California (ESPN2)

Championship Doubleheader

Madison Square Garden — New York, N.Y.

November 21 — 5:00 p.m. (ET)

Consolation Game (ESPN2 or ESPNU)

Championship Game (ESPN2)

SYRACUSE ORANGE - Head Coach: Jim Boheim (Atlantic Coast Conference)

The Orange, who began last season 25-0 and spent three weeks at No. 1 in the polls, ended the year 28-6 in advancing to the third round of the NCAA Tournament...it was the Orange's 37th NCAA Tournament appearance, the 31st under Hall of Fame head coach Jim Boheim, who has also guided Syracuse to four Final Fours...the Orange ended the 2013-14 season ranked 14th by the AP and 17th by the coaches...three starters are expected to return next season while nine underclassmen are also expected back...the Orange will be looking for their third WWP Classic title (2004, 2009).

TEXAS LONGHORNS - Head Coach: Rick Barnes (Big 12 Conference)

Despite fielding a team with no seniors on the roster, the Longhorns went 24-11 and spent five weeks in the national polls, peaking at No. 15...Texas has been to 31 NCAA Tournaments - including advancing to the third round of the 2014 tournament - and three Final Fours...Rick Barnes has led the Longhorns to 15 of those tournaments and is the winningest coach in school history, averaging 24 wins in 16 full seasons in Austin...Texas will be playing in its fifth WWP Classic.

CAL GOLDEN BEARS - Head Coach: Cuonzo Martin (Pacific-12 Conference)

Cuonzo Martin, who has won 124 games in six seasons as a head coach and is coming off a Sweet 16 run with Tennessee, inherits a team that compiled a 21-14 record in 2013-14 while advancing to the quarterfinals of the

NIT...the Bears have been to 18 NCAA Tournaments...three starters and eight players are expected to return next season...the Bears will be making their third WWP Classic appearance.

IOWA HAWKEYES - *Head Coach: Fran McCaffery (Big Ten Conference)*

The Hawkeyes went 20-13 and were ranked for 15 weeks, reaching a high of No. 10 in 2013-14...Iowa earned its first NCAA Tournament berth since 2006...11 members of the 15-man roster, including three starters, are expected back from a team that posted back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in eight seasons...head coach Fran McCaffery is in his fifth season at Iowa...the Hawkeyes have been to 23 NCAA Tournaments, reaching the Final Four three times...this will be the second time Iowa has played in the WWP Classic.

The 2K 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 Legends Classic, the Gotham Classic, the College Basketball Invitational, and the All-American Championship. For more information on the Gazelle Group, please visit gazellegroup.com.

The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the 2K Classic. Entering 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.