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Schedule Set for 2K Classic

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

PRINCETON, N.J. - The field is finalized and the schedule is complete for the 20th annual 2K Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project, culminating with the Championship Rounds at Madison Square Garden from November 20-21.

Headlining the event are **Syracuse, Texas, California,** and **Iowa**, each of which will play a pair of home games before advancing to Madison Square Garden. These four teams combine for 109 NCAA Tournament appearances.

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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.

Joining the four host teams are North Dakota State, Alcorn State, Hampton, and Kennesaw State. These teams will play two Regional Round games prior to traveling to North Dakota State for Subregional Round action.

ESPN Networks will televise six games of the 2K Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project, including all four Championship Round games from Madison Square Garden. The semifinal doubleheader on Thursday, November 20 will see Texas play Iowa in a 7:00 p.m. (ET) tip, followed by Syracuse facing California. Both semifinal match-ups will air live on ESPN2. The semifinal round winners will meet on Friday, November 21 for the 2K Classic championship on ESPN2, preceded by the consolation game at 5:00 p.m. (ET), on either ESPN2 or ESPNU.

In addition, ESPNU will air the November 16 game between Hampton and Syracuse at 4:00pm (ET), as well as the Alcorn State-Texas match-up at 8:00pm (ET).

Additional television information will be announced at a later date.

In last year's 2K Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project, Connecticut won its two Championship Round games by a combined three points, including a 59-58 win over Indiana in the title game en route to winning its fourth National Championship.

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----- 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)

---- REGIONAL ROUNDS ----

Syracuse Regional Rounds

Carrier Dome - Syracuse, N.Y.

November 14

Kennesaw State at Syracuse

November 16

Hampton at Syracuse (ESPNU)

Austin Regional Rounds

Erwin Special Events Center - Austin, Texas

November 14

North Dakota State at Texas

November 16

Alcorn State at Texas (ESPNU)

Berkeley Regional Rounds

Haas Pavilion - Berkeley, Calif.

November 14

Alcorn State at California

November 16

Kennesaw State at California

Iowa City Regional Rounds

Carver-Hawkeye Arena - Iowa City, Iowa

November 14

Hampton at Iowa

November 17

North Dakota State at Iowa

---- SUBREGIONAL ROUND ----

Fargo Subregional Round

Scheels Arena - Fargo, N.D.

November 21

Alcorn State vs. Hampton

Kennesaw State vs. North Dakota State

November 22

Subregional Consolation Game

Subregional Championship Game

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

The Orange, who began the 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 under Hall of Fame head coach Jim Boeheim, 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...two starters return while nine underclassmen are also back, led by junior guard Trevor Cooney (12.1 ppg) and senior forward Rakeem Christmas (5.8 ppg)...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...this year, Texas is expected to be in everyone's preseason Top 10...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...this year the Longhorns will be paced by senior forward Jonathan Holmes (12.8 ppg, 7.2 rpg) and highly-acclaimed 6-11 freshman Myles Turner...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 return, including senior forward David Kravish (11.4 ppg, 7.7 rpg) and sophomore guard Jabari Bird (8.5 ppg)...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 back from a team that posted back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in eight seasons...senior forward Aaron White (12.8 ppg, 6.7 rpg) and junior guard Mike Gesell (7.8 ppg) headline the returning players...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, having beaten then No. 1 UConn in the 1999 event.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BISON - *Head Coach: Dave Richman (Summit League)*

Dave Richman inherits a team coming off one of the most successful seasons in Bison history...a year ago, North Dakota State posted a 26-7 record, won the Summit League regular-season and tournament championships, and advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament with an upset victory over Oklahoma...NDSU has recorded 50 wins over the past two seasons, making it the most successful two-year span in school history...the Bison return two starters and four additional players from last year's squad, led by the starting backcourt of senior Lawrence Alexander (11.1 ppg, 86 assists) and junior Kory Brown (7.0 ppg, 4.2 rpg).

ALCORN STATE BRAVES - *Head Coach: Luther Riley (Southwestern Athletic Conference)*

In posting 12 victories last season, head coach Luther Riley guided the Braves to their most wins since the 2002-03 season when Alcorn State recorded 14 wins...included in those 12 wins were five wins in their first eight SWAC games...four of five starters, who also rank among the top five scorers from last season, return this year, including forwards LeAntwan Lockett (15.1 ppg) and Octavius Brown (12.6 ppg, 6.7 rpg).

HAMPTON PIRATES - *Head Coach: Edward Joyner (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference)*

The Pirates are coming off an 18-13 season which saw them earn a bid to the College Basketball Invitational...head coach Edward

Joyner will enter his sixth season at the helm, having registered 82 wins in the previous five years...he will look to build upon last year's success by relying on four returning starters and four of the top five returning scorers from last season, highlighted by junior guards Deron Powers (11.8 ppg, 123 assists) and Brian Darden (10.4 ppg).

KENNESAW STATE OWLS - Head Coach: Jimmy Lallathin
(Atlantic Sun Conference)

First-year head coach Jimmy Lallathin is in the midst of rebuilding the Owls and will do so with the return of his top four scorers and seven players who started at least 11 games last season, including senior guard Delbert Love (12.6 ppg) and junior forward Orlando Coleman (9.7 ppg, 6.2 rpg)...86 percent of last year's offense and 83 percent of last year's rebounding return for Kennesaw State in 2014-15.

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