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Notre Dame and Ohio State Highlight 2013 Gotham Classic

Showcase Game to take place at Madison Square Garden

PRINCETON, N.J. - Tickets are now on sale for the **Gotham Classic** Showcase Game that features **Notre Dame** and **Ohio State** in a Dec. 21 match-up at Madison Square Garden.

TICKET INFORMATION: Tickets for the Dec. 21 Showcase Game of the Gotham Classic between Notre Dame and Ohio State at Madison Square Garden **are on sale now** and may be purchased by calling **Ticketmaster** at **866-448-7849** or through Ticketmaster.com.

The second annual Gotham Classic will see the Fighting Irish and Buckeyes play three games on campus prior to meeting each other at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 21. Ohio State holds a 7-5 series advantage with the two perennial powers having last met in December of 2008. The two have combined for 56 NCAA Tournament appearances. ESPN2 will televise the Showcase Game.

Notre Dame - The No. 24 Irish are 25-8 this season and looking at their 33rd NCAA Tournament berth...head coach Mike Brey has guided the Fighting Irish to seven consecutive 20-win seasons...three starters are projected to return next season, headlined by the junior backcourt of Jerian Grant and Eric Atkins...Grant is averaging a team-high 13.4 ppg and 5.7 assists a game...Atkins is netting 11.5 ppg to go along with a team-best 5.8 assists a game.

Ohio State - The Buckeyes, ranked No. 10, currently sport a 23-7 record and are en route to their 25th NCAA Tournament...Ohio State has also advanced to 10 Final Fours...have won at least 20 games in each of nine seasons under head coach Thad Matta, who has also guided the Buckeyes to the NCAA Tournament each of the past four years...junior forward Deshaun Thomas leads OSU in scoring (19.7 ppg) and rebounding (6.1 rpg)...junior guard Lenzelle Smith Jr. is right behind at 10.1 ppg and 5.0 rpg...all five starters and each of their top six scorers are underclassmen.

In this year's Showcase Game, Khalif Wyatt scored 33 points and went 15-of-15 from the foul line to lead Temple to an 83-79 win over then-No. 3 Syracuse in the inaugural Gotham Classic.

The complete field and schedule for the Gotham Classic will be announced at a later date.

The Northeast Conference (NEC) is the sponsoring conference of the Gotham Classic. Now in 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 or follow on Twitter @NECsports.

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