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Indiana, UConn, Boston College and Washington Highlight the 2013 2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project

Tickets are on sale now for Madison Square Garden event

PRINCETON, N.J. - Tickets are now on sale for the Championship Rounds of the **2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project**, which returns to Madison Square Garden for the 2013-14 men's college basketball season.

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

Headlining the field for the 19th annual **2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project** are **Indiana, UConn, Boston College, and Washington**. These four teams, which combine for 101 NCAA Tournament appearances, will each host a pair of regional round games on campus from Nov. 14-17 before heading to the World's Most Famous Arena for the Championship Rounds on Nov. 21-22. The remainder of the 12-team field will participate in subregionals held at campus sites.

Indiana - The Big Ten regular season champions spent 10 weeks ranked No. 1 this season...owns a 26-5 record...has won five National Championships and has been to 36 NCAA Tournaments, including a Sweet 16 appearance last year...three of the five starters are underclassmen, highlighted by sophomore forward Cody Zeller (team highs 16.8 ppg, 8.1 rpg) and junior guard Victor Oladipo (13.7 ppg, 6.2 rpg)...head coach Tom Crean will again welcome a top-rated recruiting class next season.

Connecticut - The Huskies have won three National Championships and have played in 31 NCAA tournaments...at 20-10 UConn posted its 20th 20-win season over the last 24 seasons...first-year head coach Kevin Ollie is expected to see the return of his top seven scorers and all five starters from this year, led by junior guard Shabazz Napier, who is the Huskies' leading scorer at 17.1 ppg to go along with 129 assists...sophomore guard Ryan Boatright is right behind Napier with an average of 15.4 ppg to go with a team-best 131 assists.

Boston College - Head coach Steve Donahue has a team that is expected to return all five starters and seven of its top eight scorers...leading scorer and rebounder Ryan Anderson, a sophomore forward, is averaging of 15.1 points and 8.1 rebounds a game...freshman guard Olivier Hanlan is netting 14.6 ppg to go along with 72 assists...the Eagles, 15-16 this year, have been to 18 NCAA Tournaments.

Washington - Head coach Lorenzo Romar is in his 11th season and has led the Huskies to 207 wins over the last nine seasons, including 17 this season...10 underclassmen are on the roster, led by junior guard C.J. Wilcox and his 16.8 ppg scoring average...the Huskies have been to 16 NCAA Tournaments in their history and won either the Pac-12 Conference regular season or tournament championship in each of the previous four years (2009-12).

In all, fifteen of 20 starters are expected to return next season.

Matchups for the Championship Rounds, as well as the entire bracket for the 2013 2K Sports Classic, will be announced at a later date.

At last year's 2K Sports Classic, Alabama's Trevor Releford earned MVP honors, highlighted by his 25-point effort in the Championship Game, as the Crimson Tide rolled to the tournament title. 'Bama downed Villanova, 77-55, in the title match after Rodney Cooper hit the game-winning shot in Alabama's 65-62 semifinal win over Oregon State the night before. The crown marked the second year in a row that an SEC school emerged victorious.

Wounded Warrior Project is the beneficiary of the 2K Sports Classic. The mission of Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is to honor and empower wounded warriors. WWP's purpose is to raise awareness and to enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members, to help injured servicemen and women aid and assist each other, and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet their needs. WWP is a national, nonpartisan organization headquartered in Jacksonville, Fla.

2K Sports, known for delivering the most innovative and realistic sports simulation experience available, is the title sponsor of the event for the ninth consecutive year. 2K Sports develops and publishes the popular and highly acclaimed NBA 2K series - the top selling and highest rated next-generation basketball video game on the market.

The 2K Sports Classic and Gotham Classic are 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 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 Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project. 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.