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2K Classic bracket: Syracuse will face California at Madison Square Garden



Syracuse forward C.J. Fair takes a shot against California in last year's Maui Invitational. Syracuse will play Cal again in the 2014 2K Classic at Madison Square Garden. (Dennis Nett | syracuse.com)

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Syracuse, N.Y. — The entire field for the 2K Classic tournament has not been revealed, but Syracuse will face California in the tournament's semifinals at Madison Square Garden.

The subregional games in the tournament will be played at campus venues, but the four host schools automatically advance to the semifinals in New York City on Nov. 20-21.

ESPN.com [revealed the bracket for the semifinals \(http://espn.go.com/pdf/2014/0805/ncb_2kclassic.pdf\)](http://espn.go.com/pdf/2014/0805/ncb_2kclassic.pdf) on Wednesday.

Syracuse will play Cal for the third straight year in one semifinal. The Orange beat the Golden Bears in the 2013 NCAA tournament and in last year's Maui Invitational. California will be playing for new head coach Cuonzo Martin, who guided Tennessee to last year's NCAA tourney. He replaces Mike Montgomery at Cal.

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Texas will play Iowa in the other semifinal. The Texas-Iowa game starts at 7 p.m., followed by the Syracuse-Cal matchup. Both games will be on ESPN2.

The third-place game will be at 5 p.m. on Nov. 21. It will be televised on either ESPN2 or ESPNU. The championship game will be at 7 p.m. on ESPN2.



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The tournament format consists of four host schools that will play two home games before meeting in New York City.


Syracuse's early-round opponents are expected to be announced soon, a source said last Friday.

Syracuse has appeared in the 2K Classic, previously known as the 2K Sports Classic, twice before. In 2005-06, Syracuse beat Bethune-Cookman and Cornell at the Carrier Dome, then beat Texas Tech at Madison Square Garden before losing to Florida the next night.

In 2009-10, an unranked Syracuse team beat Albany and Robert Morris at the Dome before going to the Garden where the Orange knocked off No. 13 California and No. 6 North Carolina on consecutive nights. Those wins vaulted Syracuse to No. 10 in the polls.

Syracuse owns a 3-0 record against Cal and a 1-0 record against Texas. Syracuse is 0-2 against Iowa, with the most recent meeting coming in the 1980 NCAA tournament.

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Watch out for California under new head coach Cuonzo Martin. His Tennessee teams liked to play tough defense and a slow down offense that crashed the boards for rebounds. This could be an extremely tough game for a young Syracuse team.

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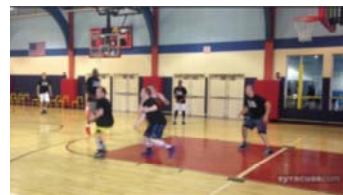
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mike, did they seal the deal with Carleton?, that would be a good matchup


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shankapotamus meant to be a home and home series, not this season question, thanks

22 hours ago

Reply

 **Mike Waters | mwaters@syracuse.com**
 (<http://connect.syracuse.com/user/mwaters/index.html>) 21 hours ago

@shankapotamus

Syracuse will play Carleton in an exhibition game on Nov. 2. They can't play in the regular season since Carleton is not an NCAA school


Reply



niftydeano Oh well. Gotta get those 20-25 wins before conference play begins. ...Yawnnnnnnnnnnn

23 hours ago

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 **Mike Waters | mwaters@syracuse.com**
 (<http://connect.syracuse.com/user/mwaters/index.html>) 21 hours ago

@niftydeano

Playing Cal and either Texas or Iowa isn't exactly an easy road to 25 wins. Cal returns more than Syracuse. Texas will probably be Top 10 in the preseason.

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Upstate_guy (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/Upstate_guy/index.html) Love WCC games but how about SU playing at the Barclay Center.

23 hours ago

Reply



Obi-Wan @Upstate_guy (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/Upstate_guy/index.html) SU will play at the Barclay in the ACC tournament in 2017 & 2018. SU's preseason tournament for 2015 will be the Battle 4 Atlantis held at Paradise Island in the Bahamas.

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Reply

 **Upstate_guy**
 (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/Upstate_guy/index.html) 17 hours ago

@Obi-Wan @Upstate_guy (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/Upstate_guy/index.html) Thanks, I have relatives on Long Island.

Reply



Brent Axe | baxe@syracuse.com (<http://connect.syracuse.com/user/baxe/index.html>) Cal is already sum'ed up. (Only. Please don't.)

23 hours ago


Reply




Randy Smith (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/randy_smith_9/index.html) Playing Cal 4 out of the last 6 years, disappointing. Was hoping for Iowa in the first semi. I will break the news here, the first round 2k classic game and season opener will be Friday 11/14 against the Siena Saints, 7pm tip off at the Dome.

23 hours ago

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 **Upstate_guy** (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/Upstate_guy/index.html)
 (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/Upstate_guy/index.html) @Randy Smith (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/randy_smith_9/index.html) Was going to say the same thing.

Reply

 **Mike Waters | mwaters@syracuse.com**
 (<http://connect.syracuse.com/user/mwaters/index.html>) 20 hours ago

@Randy Smith (http://connect.syracuse.com/user/randy_smith_9/index.html)



Don't know if this was serious or just wishful thinking, but Syracuse won't be playing Siena on Nov. 14. Siena has another game on that date.

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Randy Smith
http://connect.syracuse.com/user/andy_smith/index.html

18 hours ago

Wishful thinking, I live near Albany. I keep hoping one of these years JB would bring his team to his 3rd home venue in New York State(Dome, MSG, Pepsi Arena). I was there for Elite 8 game against OU in 2003 champ season and it was an unbelievable environment. Siena fielded some decent teams in the mid 2000's. I think that would have been a fun regional matchup, unlike blowout wins over the Colgates and Binghamtons of NY State. I do think they will play a NY team in the opener on the 14th, just don't know who.

Reply



Mike Waters | mwaters@syracuse.com
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15 hours ago

@Randy Smith
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I do remember that SU played a regular season game at the Pepsi Arena at one point during Craig Forth's career.

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