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College Basketball Tips-Off At Syracuse - On Tuesday!

Princeton, NJ – College Basketball begins tomorrow with the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer. Regional Round doubleheader action in Syracuse begins at 6:00 p.m. EST.

The Regional Rounds of the tournament, which feature teams from 16 conferences, will be played November 8th-11th. The winner of each Regional Round, hosted by Florida, Syracuse, Texas Tech, and Wake Forest, will compete for the Championship at Madison Square Garden in New York City on November 17th and 18th.

Syracuse returns to the Classic to defend its 2004 title. Last year, the Orange defeated Memphis, 77- 62, in the Championship Game (Click <u>here</u> for video highlights of last year's event).

The Coaches vs. Cancer program, created by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, exists to leverage the strength, community leadership and celebrity of our country's basketball coaches to raise awareness and reduce cancer risk through education programs while raising funds for Coaches vs. Cancer. Since 1996, the Gazelle Group, producers of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefiting Coaches vs. Cancer, has raised over \$2.8 million for the benefit of Coaches vs. Cancer.

Outlined below are the dates, locations, and matchups for the 2005 Event (Click here for a complete bracket):

---- REGIONAL ROUNDS ----

Gainesville Regional

O'Connell Center

November 9th, 5:00 p.m. EST
Albany vs. Oakland
Florida vs. Saint Peter's

November 10th, 5:30 p.m. EST
Regional Consolation
Regional Championship

Lubbock Regional

United Spirit Arena
November 10th, 5:30 p.m. EST
Portland vs. Georgia Southern
Texas Tech vs. San Jose State
November 11th, 6:30 p.m. EST
Regional Consolation
Regional Championship

Syracuse Regional

Carrier Dome

November 8th, 6:00 p.m. EST
Saint Francis (Pa.) vs. Cornell
Syracuse vs. Bethune-Cookman
November 9th, 6:00 p.m. EST
Regional Consolation
Regional Championship

Winston-Salem Regional

Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum
November 10th, 5:00 p.m. EST
George Mason vs. UC Irvine
Wake Forest vs. Mississippi Valley State
November 11th, 5:00 p.m. EST
Regional Consolation
Regional Championship

---- CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS ----

Semifinal Doubleheader

Madison Square Garden
November 17th, 7:00 p.m. EST
Winston-Salem Regional Winner vs. Gainesville
Regional Winner
Syracuse Regional Winner vs.
Lubbock Regional Winner

Championship Doubleheader

Madison Square Garden
November 18th, 7:00 p.m. EST
Consolation Game
Championship Game

TICKET INFORMATION: Championship Round tickets at Madison Square Garden are now on sale and may be purchased by calling Ticketmaster at 212.307.7171 or through <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>.

For VIP ticket packages, contact Alex Hughes at 609.921.1300 or ahughes@gazellegroup.com.

Tickets also may be purchased through the host schools' box offices.

Syracuse: 1-888-DOMETIX or www.dometix.com

Wake Forest: 1-888-758-DEAC or www.wakeforestsports.com

Florida: 1-800-34-GATOR or www.gatorzone.com Texas Tech: 1-888-GO-BIG12 or www.texastech.com

The 2K Sports College Hoops Classic benefitting Coaches vs. Cancer is produced by The Gazelle Group in 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 O'Reilly Auto Parts CBE Classic and the Legends Classic. For more information on the Gazelle Group, please visitgazellegroup.com.