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## **Schedule Complete for 2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project**

**ESPN Networks to televise six games of the 18th annual event which culminates once again at Madison Square Garden**

**PRINCETON, N.J.** - The schedule has been finalized for the 18th annual **2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project**.

Villanova, Purdue, Alabama, and Oregon State will serve as Regional Round hosts for games played on Nov. 9 and Nov. 11. Afterwards, the four hosts will head to New York City's Madison Square Garden to participate in the Championship Rounds of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project on Nov. 15 and Nov. 16.

Tickets for Championship Round games at Madison Square Garden are on sale and may be purchased by calling **800-745-3000** or **ON-LINE**.

Joining Villanova, Purdue, Alabama, and Oregon State in the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project are Bucknell, Hofstra, Marshall, New Mexico State, Niagara, South Dakota State, Northern New Mexico, UDC, and West Alabama.

ESPN Networks will televise six games of the 2K Sports Classic benefiting Wounded Warrior Project, including all four Championship Round games from Madison Square Garden. The semifinal doubleheader on Thursday, Nov. 15 will see Alabama take on Oregon State in a 7:00 p.m. (ET) tip, followed by Villanova facing Purdue. Both semifinal match-ups will air live on ESPN2. The semifinal round winners will meet on Friday, Nov. 16 for the 2K Sports Classic championship on ESPN2, preceded by the consolation game at 5:00 p.m. (ET) on ESPNU.

In addition, ESPNU will air the South Dakota State-Alabama game at 9:00 p.m. (ET) on Friday, Nov. 9, as well as the New Mexico State-Oregon State match at 9:30 p.m. (ET) on Sunday, Nov. 11.

In all, the four schools advancing to Madison Square Garden have combined for **93 trips to the NCAA Tournament**.

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### **---- CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS ----**

#### **Semifinal Doubleheader**

*Madison Square Garden - New York, N.Y.*  
**Thursday, November 15 - 7:00 P.M. ET**  
Alabama vs. Oregon State (ESPN2)  
Villanova vs. Purdue (ESPN2)

#### **Championship Doubleheader**

*Madison Square Garden - New York, N.Y.*  
**Friday, November 16 - 5:00 P.M. ET**  
Consolation Game (ESPNU)  
Championship Game (ESPN2)

### **---- REGIONAL ROUNDS ----**

#### **Villanova Regional**

*The Pavilion - Villanova, Pa.*  
**Friday, November 9 - TBA**  
UDC vs. Villanova  
**Sunday, November 11 - TBA**  
Marshall vs. Villanova

#### **West Lafayette Regional**

*Mackey Arena - West Lafayette, Ind.*  
**Friday, November 9 - 7:00 P.M. ET**  
Bucknell vs. Purdue  
**Sunday, November 11 - 2:00 P.M. ET**  
Hofstra vs. Purdue

#### **Tuscaloosa Regional**

#### **Corvallis Regional**

*Coleman Coliseum - Tuscaloosa, Ala.*  
**Friday, November 9 - 9:00 P.M. ET**  
South Dakota State vs. Alabama (ESPN)  
**Sunday, November 11 - TBA**  
West Alabama vs. Alabama

*Gill Coliseum - Corvallis, Ore.*  
**Friday, November 9 - TBA**  
Niagara vs. Oregon State  
**Sunday, November 11 - 9:30 P.M. ET**  
New Mexico State vs. Oregon State (ESPN)

---- **SUBREGIONAL ROUNDS** ----

**Hempstead Subregional**  
*Mack Sports Complex - Hempstead, N.Y.*  
**Friday, November 16 - TBA**  
Marshall vs. UDC  
South Dakota State vs. Hofstra  
**Saturday, November 17 - TBA**  
South Dakota State vs. Marshall  
UDC vs. Hofstra  
**Sunday, November 18 - TBA**  
UDC vs. South Dakota State  
Marshall vs. Hofstra

**Niagara Falls Subregional**  
*Gallagher Center - Niagara Falls, N.Y.*  
**Friday, November 16 - TBA**  
Bucknell vs. Niagara  
**Saturday, November 17 - TBA**  
Bucknell vs. New Mexico State  
**Sunday, November 18 - TBA**  
West Alabama vs. Bucknell  
New Mexico State vs. Niagara

**Las Cruces Subregional**  
*Pan American Center - Las Cruces, N.M.*  
**Wednesday, November 21 - TBA**  
Northern New Mexico vs. New Mexico State

**Villanova** - The Wildcats have been to 32 NCAA Tournaments, including the 2009 Final Four...eight players return from last year's team...head coach Jay Wright welcomes back six of his top eight scorers from last season, headed by senior forward Mouphtau Yarou, who scored 11.2 ppg and led the Wildcats in rebounding at an 8.2 rpg clip...junior guard James Bell (7.0 ppg) and sophomore forward JayVaughn Pinkston (9.6 ppg) will also be heavily relied upon.

**Purdue** - Has appeared in 26 NCAA Tournaments, including each of the last six...the Boilermakers have won at least 20 games each of the last six seasons under the guidance of head coach Matt Painter...features a roster which returns 10 players this season, headed by junior guard Terone Johnson, who posted 9.2 ppg last season, and senior swingman D.J. Byrd, who netted 8.9 ppg a year ago.

**Alabama** - Has made 19 NCAA Tournament appearances in its history...the Crimson Tide won 21 games in advancing to the 2012 NCAA Tournament...head coach Anthony Grant returns the bulk of his team this season, led by junior guard Trevor Releford, who is the Tide's leading returning scorer at 12.0 ppg...sophomore guard Trevor Lacey averaged 7.3 ppg a year ago and senior guard Andrew Steele added 6.6 ppg and 3.9 rpg.

**Oregon State** - In going 21-15 last year, the Beavers, who earned a CBI presented by Zebra Pen bid, posted their first winning season since 2004-05 and only their second since 1989-90...the 21 wins were the most since a 22-win season in 1989-90...head coach Craig Robinson welcomes back 12 players this season, including four starters, led by junior forward Devon Collier (13.1 ppg, 5.2 rpg), junior guard Ahmad Starks (12.1 ppg, 96 assists), and senior center Angus Brandt (9.1 ppg).

**Bucknell** - The Bison return four starters and 11 players from last season's 25-10 team that won the Patriot League regular season title and advanced to the second round of the NIT...head coach Dave Paulsen, who has led Bucknell to back-to-back 25-win seasons, will rely on senior center Mike Muscala, who led the Bison in scoring (17.0 ppg) and rebounding (9.1 rpg) a year ago, and junior guard Cameron Ayers, who posted 11.1 ppg last season.

**Hofstra** - Four players who started at least 10 games last season return in 2012-13...leading the way is senior forward David Imes, who is the Pride's leading returning scorer at 7.0 ppg as well as their leading returning rebounder at 5.6 rpg...junior forward Jamal Coombs-McDaniel, who averaged 5.6 ppg as a member of the 2011 UConn national championship team, is now eligible...head coach Mo Cassara is in his third season at Hofstra.

**Marshall** - Earned its first NIT bid in 24 years in posting a 21-14 record a year ago...the Thundering Herd have won at least 21 games each of the last three seasons...head coach Tom Herrion will welcome back three

starters from last season, led by junior guard DeAndre Kane, who tallied a team-best 16.5 ppg in 2011-12...also back is senior forward Dennis Tinnon, who netted 10.2 ppg while hauling down a team-high 10.0 rpg.

**New Mexico State** - The Aggies won their second WAC championship in three years last season and earned their 19th trip to the NCAA Tournament...in going 26-10, New Mexico State recorded its most wins since 1992-93...heading this year's squad for head coach Marvin Menzies is sophomore guard Daniel Mullings, who netted 9.3 ppg to go along with 69 assists and 58 steals...he is joined by senior forward Bandja Sy, who registered averages of 8.8 points and 4.0 rebounds a game.

**Niagara** - Five starters and the top seven scorers from last season's 14-19 squad return to the Purple Eagles in 2012-13...on a roster that has only one senior and one graduate student, head coach Joe Mihalich's team will feature the sophomore backcourt of Juan'ya Green (17.7 ppg, 147 assists) and Antoine Mason (15.1 ppg, 70 assists)...in all, Niagara returns over 93 percent of its scoring from last season.

**South Dakota State** - Eight of 10 players from last year's Summit League championship squad are back in 2012-13...head coach Scott Nagy led the Jackrabbits to their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance as a Division I member after taking SDSU to eight Division II NCAA tournaments...South Dakota State is paced by senior guard Nate Wolters, who posted team highs in scoring (21.2 ppg), rebounding (5.1 rpg), assists (202), and steals (59)...junior forward Jordan Dykstra finished second to Wolters in scoring (11.3 ppg) and rebounding (4.9 rpg).

**Northern New Mexico** - The Eagles enter the 2012-13 season looking to rebound from a season which saw nine freshmen dot the roster...now a sophomore, Rodney Coles, who averaged 7.1 ppg last year, will be the one relied on most by third-year head coach Ryan Cordova.

**UDC** - In three short years, head coach Jeff Ruland has guided the Firebirds from a 1-20 season to a 22-6 season and the team's first NCAA bid in 25 years...this year, the former NBA All-Star will need to replace his top three scorers...looking to pick up the load are junior forward Ziad Ashmawy, who scored at a 6.5 ppg clip last season, and senior forward Dyrek Jones, who led UDC with a 7.7 rpg average last season.

**West Alabama** - Head coach Mike Newell guided the Tigers to an 8-20 record while playing one of the school's most challenging schedules in history...this year he returns his top two scorers from that team - senior guards Jared Woolfolk and Steven Samuels...Samuels led UWA with a 14.1 ppg average as well as in rebounding (6.4 rpg), assists (73), and steals (43)...Woolfolk registered 11.8 ppg.

In the 2011 2K Sports Classic, Mississippi State's Arnett Moultrie garnered MVP honors after posting 19 points and 10 rebounds in leading the Bulldogs to a 67-57 upset of then-No. 16 Arizona. Mississippi State used its 2K Sports Classic success to jump start a run of 12 consecutive weeks in the Top 25 polls.

Over the last nine years, 34 teams that participated in the event have gone on to compete in the NCAA Tournament that season.

Beginning with this year's event, [Wounded Warrior Project](#) is the beneficiary of the tournament. 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 eighth 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 is 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 Gotham Classic, the CBI presented by Zebra Pen, and the All-American Championship. For more information on the Gazelle Group, please visit [gazellegroup.com](http://gazellegroup.com).