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Big West Releases 2015-16 ESPN Men's Basketball Television Schedule

IRVINE, CA – Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell today announced that ESPN networks will televise a minimum of 20 men's basketball games for the 2015-16 season.

ESPN2 and ESPNU will combine to air five Saturday regular season Big West contests, utilizing a "Wild Card" format to determine matchups 2-4 weeks before the game. The four ESPNU games are slotted for Jan. 9, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and Feb. 20, while ESPN2 is home to a Feb. 27 contest.

Various ESPN platforms will showcase the Big West Tournament semifinals and championship at Honda Center. The Friday, Mar. 11 semifinals will be shown live on ESPN3 and ESPNU at 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. (PT), respectively. ESPNU will also air the first semifinal on a tape delay at 11:00 p.m. (PT). The championship game will tip on ESPN2 Saturday, Mar. 12 at 8:30 p.m. (PT).

Twelve additional non-conference telecasts will appear on ESPN networks. For the eighth straight year, Hawai'i will play in ESPN's annual *College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon*, over 24 hours of competition highlighting top coast-to-coast battles in a celebration to the start of college basketball season. The Rainbow Warriors host Nevada on Monday, Nov. 16 at 11:00 p.m. (HT) on ESPN2. Long Beach State also will participate in the *Marathon*, hosting BYU for a 10:45 p.m. (PT) tip.

Three conference schools will compete in a series of ESPN Events' owned-and-operated eight-team early-season tournaments for a total of nine more television games. Long Beach State (Gildan Charleston Classic), UC Irvine (Wooden Legacy) and Hawai'i (Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic) each will play three games over a four-day period. The Wooden Legacy will be contested at two sites, with the first two days at Cal State Fullerton's Titan Gym. Honda Center will host four games, including the championship, on the final day of competition. Games from all three tournaments will be featured on ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN3.

Additionally, the TV slate also includes ESPNU airing a UC Irvine at Kansas matchup on Dec. 29.

"The Big West's presence across ESPN's platform continues to increase year over year," said Farrell. "The conference will receive solid exposure from the very beginning of the season with the Tip-Off marathon, culminating with our signature event the Big West Tournament at Honda Center. We are looking forward to another quality season of Big West basketball on ESPN."

2015-16 BIG WEST BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE ON ESPN

Day/Date	Contest	Tipoff (PST)	Network
ESPN COLLEGE HOOPS TIP-OFF MARATHON			
Tuesday, November 17	BYU at Long Beach State	10:45 pm	ESPN2
Tuesday, November 17	Nevada at Hawai'i	1:00 am	ESPN2
GILDAN CHARLESTON CLASSIC • TD ARENA			
Thursday, November 19	Long Beach State vs. Seton Hall	4:00 pm	ESPNU
Friday, November 20	Long Beach State vs. Virginia/Bradley	4:00/6:30 pm	ESPNU/ESPN3
Sunday, November 22	Long Beach State vs. TBA	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
WOODEN LEGACY • TITAN GYM			
Thursday, November 26	UC Irvine vs. Boise State	1:00 pm	ESPNU
Friday, November 27	UC Irvine vs. Michigan State/Boston College	11:30 am/2:00 pm	ESPN2/ESPN3
WOODEN LEGACY • HONDA CENTER			
Sunday, November 29	UC Irvine vs. TBA	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC • STAN SHERIFF ARENA			
Tuesday, December 22	Northern Iowa at Hawai'i	10:00 pm	ESPNU
Wednesday, December 23	Oklahoma/Washington State at Hawai'i	6:00/8:30 pm	ESPN2/ESPNU
Friday, December 25	TBA at Hawai'i	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
Tuesday, December 29	UC Irvine at Kansas	6:00 pm	ESPNU
BIG WEST CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON GAMES			
Saturday, January 9	Wild Card game selected from: UC Riverside at UC Irvine UC Santa Barbara at Hawai'i CSUN at Cal State Fullerton UC Davis at Long Beach State	8:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, January 30	Wild Card game selected from: Cal Poly at UC Davis UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine UC Riverside at Cal State Fullerton Long Beach State at Hawai'i	7:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, February 6	Wild Card game selected from: Hawai'i at Cal Poly Cal State Fullerton at UC Santa Barbara UC Davis at UC Riverside CSUN at Long Beach State	7:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, February 20	Wild Card game selected from: CSUN at Cal Poly Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State UC Davis at UC Santa Barbara Hawai'i at UC Irvine	8:30 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, February 27	Wild Card game selected from: UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton UC Riverside at Long Beach State CSUN at Hawai'i UC Irvine at UC Davis	TBA	ESPN2
BIG WEST TOURNAMENT • HONDA CENTER			
Friday, March 11	Men's Semifinal #1	6:30 pm 11:00 pm	ESPN3 (live) ESPNU (delayed)
Saturday, March 12	Men's Semifinal #2 Men's Championship	9:00 pm 8:30 pm	ESPNU (live) ESPN2 (live)