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Big West Announces 2014-15 ESPN Men's Basketball Television Schedule

IRVINE, **CA** – Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell today announced that ESPN networks will televise a minimum of 17 men's basketball games during the 2014-15 season.

Five Saturday regular season Big West contests will be nationally aired on ESPN2 and ESPNU. All matchups will be determined utilizing a "Wild Card" format in which ESPN will make advance selections 3-4 weeks prior to the event. The four ESPNU games are scheduled for Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, while ESPN2 is home to a Feb. 28 contest.

In addition, the Big West Men's Basketball Tournament semifinals and championship at Honda Center will appear across various ESPN platforms. The Friday, Mar. 13 semifinals will be televised live on ESPN3 and ESPNU at 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. (PT), respectively. In addition, the first semifinal will be tape delayed on ESPNU at 11:00 p.m. (PT). The championship game will tip on Saturday, Mar. 14 at 8:30 p.m. (PT) on ESPN2.

Eight additional non-conference telecasts are currently slated for one of the ESPN networks. For the seventh straight year, Hawai'i will participate in ESPN's annual College Hoops Tip-Off Marathon, an assortment of more than a dozen live games spanning more than 24 hours on ESPN platforms. The Rainbow Warriors host High Point on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at midnight (HT) and 2:00 a.m. (PT) on ESPN2.

Through ESPN Events-operated eight-team early-season tournaments, Long Beach State and Hawai'i will take part in two of them. The 49ers will open the Wooden Legacy against Western Michigan on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27, at 5:30 p.m. (PT) on ESPNU. The opening two days of competition will be staged at Titan Gym on the campus of Cal State Fullerton. Four games, including the title game, will be played Sunday at Honda Center.

Entering its sixth year, the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic will again be played at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu, with tournament host Hawai'i matching up against Nebraska in opening round action on Monday, Dec. 22 at 10:00 p.m. (PT) on ESPNU.

LBSU and UH will each play a total of three tournament games on either ESPN2, ESPNU or ESPN3.

In addition, the TV lineup also will feature a CSUN at Louisville matchup for Dec. 23 and a Long Beach State at Syracuse contest for Dec. 28. Both games will be aired on ESPNU.

"We're excited about our ongoing relationship with ESPN and the exposure Big West basketball will receive on its networks," said Big West Commissioner Dennis Farrell. "From the Tip-Off Marathon in November to the conference tournament in March, there will be plenty of opportunities for Big West basketball to be showcased."

2014-15 ESPN/BIG WEST BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Contest	Tipoff (PST)	Carrier
ESPN COLLEGE HOOPS TIP-OFF MARATHON			
Tuesday, November 18	High Point at Hawaiʻi	2:00 am	ESPN2
WOODEN LEGACY • TITAN GYM			
Thursday, November 27	Long Beach State vs. Western Michigan	5:30 pm	ESPNU
Friday, November 28	Long Beach State vs. Washington/San Jose State	6:00/8:30 pm	ESPN2/ESPN3
WOODEN LEGACY • HONDA CENTER			
Sunday, November 30	Long Beach State vs. TBA	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC • STAN SHERIFF ARENA			
Monday, December 22	Nebraska at Hawaiʻi	10:00 pm	ESPNU
Tuesday, December 23	Loyola Marymount/Wichita State at Hawaiʻi	6:00/8:30 pm	ESPN2/ESPNU
Thursday, December 25	TBA at Hawaiʻi	TBA	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
Tuesday, December 23	CSUN at Louisville	4:00 pm	ESPNU
Sunday, December 28	Long Beach State at Syracuse	11:00 am	ESPNU
BIG WEST CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON GAMES			
Saturday, January 10	Wild Card game selected from:	8:00 pm	ESPNU
	UC Santa Barbara at Cal Poly		
	UC Riverside at UC Irvine		
	CSUN at Hawai'i		
	Long Beach State at UC Davis		
Saturday, January 17	Wild Card game selected from:	8:30 pm	ESPNU
	Cal Poly at CSUN		
	UC Santa Barbara at Long Beach State		
	UC Davis at Cal State Fullerton		
	Hawai'i at UC Riverside		
Saturday, January 31	Wild Card game selected from:	7:00 pm	ESPNU
	Cal Poly at UC Davis		
	UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine		
	CSUN at UC Riverside		
	Hawai'i at Long Beach State		
Saturday, February 7	Wild Card game selected from:	7:00 pm	ESPNU
	Hawai'i at UC Santa Barbara		
	UC Riverside at Cal State Fullerton		
	UC Davis at CSUN		
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Saturday, February 28	Wild Card game selected from:	TBA	ESPN2
	UC Davis at Cal Poly		
	UC Irvine at UC Santa Barbara		
	Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State		
	UC Riverside at CSUN		
BIG WEST TOURNAMENT • HONDA CENTER			
Friday, March 13	Men's Semifinal #1	6:30 pm	ESPN3 (live)
	M 1 0 15 140	11:00 pm	ESPNU (delayed)
Optional and March 44	Men's Semifinal #2	9:00 pm	ESPNU (live)
Saturday, March 14	Men's Championship	8:30 pm	ESPN2 (live)

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