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Prime Ticket Unveils 2015-16 Big West Basketball Television Schedule

IRVINE, CA – Prime Ticket, the official regional telecast home of Big West Conference basketball, today revealed its 15-game package for the 2015-16 season.

The television lineup includes four men's quarterfinal games and the women's basketball championship from Honda Center, site of the Big West Basketball Tournament for the sixth consecutive year.

The Prime Ticket schedule begins on Tuesday, December 1 as Long Beach State hosts San Diego State from the Mountain West Conference. The last time the two teams played in Long Beach, a standing room only then-record crowd of 5,143 invaded the Walter Pyramid on November 13, 2010.

Eight regular season Big West games also fill the ledger, starting Thursday, January 7 on Prime Ticket when UC Davis visits UC Irvine. The Aggies won a Division I program record 25 games and clinched their first Big West regular season championship last year, while the Anteaters captured both the conference tournament title and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. UCI has posted three straight 20-win seasons under head coach **Russell Turner** and returns three starters, including 7-foot-6 junior center **Mamadou Ndiaye**.

The next Prime Ticket matchup will feature UCI at Long Beach State on Thursday, January 14 in a Black and Blue rivalry game. LBSU will host another rival in UC Santa Barbara on Thursday, January 28 and will wrap up the regular season against Hawai'i on Saturday, March 5. The Rainbow Warriors appeared in last year's Big West Tournament finals.

The Saturday, February 13 contest featuring Cal Poly at UC Riverside will appear on Fox Sports West.

Additionally, the package displays one "Wild Card" matchup on February 20 in which FOX will choose between two games – either Hawai'i at UC Irvine or Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State – approximately 3-4 weeks before the game date.

Prime Ticket will also pick up the Fox Sports South telecast between Long Beach State at Duke on Wednesday, December 30.

The regular season buildup leads into the 41st annual Big West Men's Basketball Tournament and the four quarterfinal games slated for Prime Ticket on Thursday, March 10, as well as the Saturday, March 12 women's basketball tournament championship game that crowns the conference's NCAA Tournament representative.

"We expect a very competitive, intense race for the Big West title this year and the Prime Ticket package will reflect that in each of their selected games," said Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell. "Our longtime relationship with Fox has resulted in many entertaining battles on the hardwood, and this year will be no different."

2015-16 Big West Basketball Schedule on Fox Prime Ticket/West

DAY	DATE	MATCH-UP	TIME (PT)	NETWORK
Tue.	December 1	San Diego State at Long Beach State	7:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Wed.	December 30	*Long Beach State at Duke	1:00 PM	Prime Ticket
Thur.	January 7	UC Davis at UC Irvine	7:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Thur.	January 14	UC Irvine at Long Beach State	7:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Wed.	January 20	Cal State Fullerton at UC Irvine	7:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Thur.	January 28	UC Santa Barbara at Long Beach State	7:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Sat.	February 13	Cal Poly at UC Riverside	7:30 PM	Fox Sports West
Sat.	February 20	Wild Card game selected from: Hawai'i at UC Irvine Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State	7:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Thur.	February 25	UC Santa Barbara at CSUN	7:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Sat.	March 5	Hawai'i at Long Beach State	4:00 PM	Prime Ticket

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Thur.	March 10	Men's Quarterfinal #1	12:00 PM	Prime Ticket
Thur.	March 10	Men's Quarterfinal #2	2:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Thur.	March 10	Men's Quarterfinal #3	6:00 PM	Prime Ticket
Thur.	March 10	Men's Quarterfinal #4	8:30 PM	Prime Ticket
Sat.	March 12	Women's Championship	3:00 PM	Prime Ticket

* Taken from ACC package on Fox Sports South