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Big West Releases 2017-18 ESPN Men's Basketball 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 2017-18 season.

ESPN2 and ESPNU will air five regular season Big West contests, applying a "Wild Card" format to determine pairings 2-4 weeks before the game. The four ESPNU games will be played on Jan. 6, Jan. 20, Feb. 3 and Mar. 1, while ESPN2 will feature a Feb. 24 matchup.

Various ESPN platforms will carry the Big West Tournament semifinals and championship at Honda Center. The Friday, Mar. 9 semifinals will appear on ESPN3 and ESPNU. The 6:30 p.m. game will be shown live on ESPN3 and delayed at 11:00 p.m. on ESPNU, while the 9:00 p.m. game will be live on ESPNU. ESPN2 will bring the Saturday, Mar. 10 championship game with tip time at 9:00 p.m. (PT).

Nine additional non-conference contests will appear on an ESPN channel. All games will be available on the ESPN app.

Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and Hawai'i will compete in three ESPN Events' owned-and-operated eight-team tournaments to make up the nine games. The Titans (Wooden Legacy), Beach (Advocare Invitational) and Rainbow Warriors (Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic) will all participate in three games over a four-day span on one of the following platforms – ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN3 or ESPNEWS.

The 2017-18 season begins on Friday, Nov. 10.

2017-18 ESPN BIG WEST BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Tipoff (PST)</u>	<u>Network</u>
ADVOCARE INVITATIONAL • LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLA.			
Thursday, November 23	Long Beach State vs. Missouri	8:30 am	ESPN2
Friday, November 24	Long Beach State vs. St. John's/Oregon State	8:00/10:30 am	ESPN3/ESPNEWS
Sunday, November 26	Long Beach State vs. TBD	TBD	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
WOODEN LEGACY • FULLERTON, CALIF.			
Thursday, November 23	Georgia at Cal State Fullerton	7:30 pm	ESPNEWS
Friday, November 24	San Diego State/Sac State at Cal State Fullerton	4:00/6:30 pm	ESPN2/ESPNEWS
Sunday, November 26	TBD at Cal State Fullerton	TBD	ESPN2/ESPNU/ESPN3
HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC • HONOLULU, HAWAII			
Friday, December 22	Miami at Hawaii	10:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, December 23	Davidson/New Mexico State at Hawaii	7:00/9:30 pm	ESPN2/ESPNU
Monday, December 25	TBD at Hawaii	TBD	ESPN2/ESPNU
BIG WEST CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON GAMES			
Saturday, January 6	Wild Card game selected from: Cal State Fullerton at Cal Poly UC Riverside at UC Santa Barbara Hawaii at CSUN Long Beach State at UC Irvine	9:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, January 20	Wild Card game selected from: Cal Poly at CSUN UC Irvine at UC Santa Barbara Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State UC Davis at Hawaii	9:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, February 3	Wild Card game selected from: Hawaii at Cal Poly CSUN at UC Santa Barbara UC Davis at Long Beach State UC Irvine at Cal State Fullerton	7:00 pm	ESPNU
Saturday, February 24	Wild Card game selected from: UC Santa Barbara at CSUN Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton UC Irvine at Hawaii UC Riverside at UC Davis	7:00 pm	ESPN2
Thursday, March 1	Wild Card game selected from: Cal Poly at UC Riverside Long Beach State at UC Santa Barbara Hawaii at UC Davis	8:00 pm	ESPNU
BIG WEST TOURNAMENT • HONDA CENTER			
Friday, March 9	Men's Semifinal #1	6:30 pm 11:00 pm	ESPN3 (live) ESPNU (delayed)
	Men's Semifinal #2	9:00 pm	ESPNU (live)
Saturday, March 10	Men's Championship	9:00 pm	ESPN2