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Big West Announces ESPN3 Basketball Package

IRVINE, CA – The Big West will broadcast 34 men's and women's basketball regular season and tournament games this season on ESPN3, announced Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell today.

The package will showcase 28 regular season conference games, including a minimum of 22 men's and five women's. An additional ESPN3 matchup will not be determined until ESPNU and Prime Ticket make "Wild Card" selections approximately 3-4 weeks in advance of a February 20 game date.

This season's ESPN3 basketball schedule represents a 10-game increase from 2014-15.

All games will be produced through the Big West's mobile production unit, commencing on Wednesday, January 6 when Long Beach State visits CSUN for a men's showdown at the Matadome.

ESPN3 will also utilize the "Wild Card" option for men's games on January 9, January 30, February 6, February 27 and March 5, as well as a women's contest on January 28.

The initial women's game in the package will feature UC Irvine at UC Riverside on Thursday, January 7 as part of an ESPN3 doubleheader, which will follow with Cal State Fullerton against the Highlander men.

Six women's tournament games will finalize the ESPN3 coverage of Big West basketball this season. Two first round (March 8) and two quarterfinal (March 9) games will originate inside UC Irvine's Bren Events Center, concluding with the Friday, March 11 semifinals at Honda Center.

ESPN3 is ESPN's live multi-screen sports network, a destination that delivers thousands of exclusive sports events annually. It is accessible online at WatchESPN.com, on smartphones and tablets via the WatchESPN app and streamed on televisions through Amazon Fire TV and Fire TV Stick, Apple TV, Chromecast, Roku, Xbox 360 and Xbox One. The network is currently available to more than 99 million homes at no additional cost to fans who receive their high-speed Internet connection or video subscription from an affiliated service provider.

The Big West Conference successfully rolled out its mobile production facility two years ago, utilizing full ESPN production standards, including graphics, replay and on-air crew. It was the first fully operational mobile production unit of its kind that expanded upon what ESPN Emerging Technology has already done at the institutional level.

"The conference's overall exposure on ESPN3 continues to increase, and coupled with our presence over the linear ESPN networks, fans have more and more opportunities to follow Big West basketball," said Farrell. "This is an exciting time for the Big West as we enter year three of broadcasting games from our ESPN3 platform."

2015-16 BIG WEST BASKETBALL TELEVISION SCHEDULE ON ESPN3

DAY/DATE	MATCH-UP	MEN/WOMEN	TIME (PT)
Wednesday, January 6	Long Beach State at CSUN	Men	TBA
Thursday, January 7	UC Irvine at UC Riverside	Women	5:00 PM
	Cal State Fullerton at UC Riverside	Men	8:00 PM
Saturday, January 9	WILD CARD GAME SELECTED FROM: CSUN at Cal State Fullerton	Men	TBA
	UC Riverside at UC Irvine		7:00 PM
	UC Davis at Long Beach State		TBA
Wednesday, January 13	UC Riverside at Long Beach State	Women	7:00 PM
Thursday, January 14	Hawai'i at UC Riverside	Men	7:00 PM
Saturday, January 16	Hawai'i at Cal State Fullerton	Men	TBA
Wednesday, January 20	Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State	Women	7:00 PM
Thursday, January 21	Cal Poly at CSUN	Men	TBA
Saturday, January 23	Cal Poly at Cal State Fullerton	Men	TBA
Wednesday, January 27	UC Irvine at CSUN	Men	TBA
Thursday, January 28	WILD CARD GAME SELECTED FROM: Cal Poly at UC Riverside	Women	7:00 PM
	CSUN at UC Irvine		7:00 PM
Saturday, January 30	WILD CARD GAME SELECTED FROM: UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine	Men	7:00 PM
	UC Riverside at Cal State Fullerton		TBA
Wednesday, February 3	CSUN at UC Riverside	Men	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 4	UC Davis at Cal State Fullerton	Men	TBA
Saturday, February 6	WILD CARD GAME SELECTED FROM: UC Davis at UC Riverside	Men	7:00 PM
	CSUN at Long Beach State		TBA
Wednesday, February 10	Cal State Fullerton at CSUN	Men	TBA
Thursday, February 11	Cal Poly at Long Beach State	Men	TBA
Saturday, February 13	CSUN at UC Irvine	Men	7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 17	UC Irvine at Cal State Fullerton	Men	TBA
Thursday, February 18	Hawai'i at CSUN	Men	TBA
Saturday, February 20	WILD CARD GAME SELECTED FROM: Hawai'i at UC Irvine	Men	7:00 PM
	Cal State Fullerton at Long Beach State	Men	TBA
	Cal Poly at CSUN	Women	4:00 PM
Wednesday, February 24	Long Beach State at UC Irvine	Men	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 25	Hawai'i at Cal State Fullerton	Women	7:00 PM
Saturday, February 27	WILD CARD GAME SELECTED FROM: UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton	Men	TBA
	UC Riverside at Long Beach State		TBA
Wednesday, March 2	Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton	Men	TBA
Thursday, March 3	Cal Poly at UC Irvine	Men	8:30 PM
Saturday, March 5	WILD CARD GAME SELECTED FROM: UC Davis at CSUN	Men	TBA
	UC Irvine at UC Riverside		2:00 PM
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Tuesday, March 8	First Round #1	Women	6:00 pm
	First Round #2	Women	8:30 pm
Wednesday, March 9	Quarterfinals #1	Women	6:00 pm
	Quarterfinals #2	Women	8:30 pm
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Friday, March 11	Semifinals #1	Women	12:00 pm
	Semifinals #2	Women	2:30 pm