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## Women's Hoops Releases 2005-06 Schedule

### *Bearcats Face 13 Postseason Teams in First BIG EAST Season*

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Thirteen games against teams which appeared in the postseason last year highlight the University of Cincinnati's 2005-06 women's basketball schedule, its first as a member of the BIG EAST Conference.

The Bearcats will play seven teams which reached the NCAA Tournament and six games against WNIT participants. Five of this NCAA teams will play in Fifth Third Arena, including Elite 8 finisher Rutgers (Jan. 3) and former national champion Notre Dame (Feb. 25).

UC opens the regular season against 2005 Northeast Conference champion St. Francis (Pa.) on Nov. 19, then hosts East Tennessee State (Nov. 23) and Detroit (Nov. 26).

After the annual Crosstown Shootout at Xavier on Nov. 30, the Bearcats have five-straight home games, including Southland Conference champion Texas-Arlington (Dec. 14) and Big Ten foe Indiana (Dec. 17). The non-conference schedule closes with road games at Dayton (Dec. 22) and Oregon State (Dec. 29).

UC's inaugural season of BIG EAST play opens with Rutgers coming to town, followed by road games at Providence (Jan. 7) and five-time national champion Connecticut (Jan. 12). The Bearcats then have four of their next six games at home, including contests against NCAA Tourney qualifier St. John's (Jan. 18) and regional rival Pittsburgh (Feb. 4).

After trips to DePaul (Feb. 8) and Villanova (Feb. 11), UC returns home for three of its final five games for matchups with West Virginia (Feb. 15), Louisville (Feb. 18) and the Fighting Irish on Feb. 25.

### 2005-06 Women's Basketball Schedule

#### NOVEMBER

Wed.	2	OGBM LEGENDS (ex.)	7 pm ET
Thu.	10	FINDLAY (ex.)	7 pm ET
Sat.	19	ST. FRANCIS (Pa.)	2 pm ET
Wed.	23	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	6 pm ET
Sat.	26	DETROIT	5 pm ET
Wed.	30	at Xavier	7 pm ET

#### DECEMBER

Sat.	3	EASTERN ILLINOIS	8 pm ET
Sun.	11	FORDHAM	2 pm ET
Wed.	14	TEXAS-ARLINGTON	4 pm ET
Sat.	17	INDIANA	2 pm ET
Tue.	20	TOLEDO	7 pm ET
Thu.	22	at Dayton	5 pm ET
Thu.	29	at Oregon State	10 pm ET

#### JANUARY

Tue.	3	RUTGERS*	7 pm ET
Sat.	7	at Providence*	2 pm ET
Thu.	12	at Connecticut*	7 pm ET
Sun.	15	SOUTH FLORIDA*	2 pm ET
Wed.	18	ST. JOHN'S*	7 pm ET
Sat.	21	at Syracuse*	1 pm ET
Wed.	25	GEORGETOWN*	7 pm ET

#### FEBRUARY

Wed.	1	at Seton Hall*	7 pm ET
Sat.	4	PITTSBURGH*	3 pm ET
Wed.	8	at DePaul*	8 pm ET
Sat.	11	at Villanova*	2 pm ET
Wed.	15	WEST VIRGINIA*	7 pm ET
Sat.	18	LOUISVILLE*	2 pm ET
Tue.	21	at Georgetown*	TBA
Sat.	25	NOTRE DAME*	7 pm ET
Tue.	28	at Marquette*	TBA

#### MARCH

Sat.-	4-	BIG EAST Tournament
Tue.	7	Hartford, Conn.

\*BIG EAST game

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

## SCHEDULE NOTES

- Cincinnati's 2005-06 opponents compiled a 426-361 record in 2004-05 for a .541 winning percentage.

- The Bearcats play five teams ranked in the Top 50 of the final 2004-05 RPI ratings and 14 in the Top 100.

- UC plays 13 teams which advanced to postseason play last season. The Bearcats face seven NCAA Tournament teams: Connecticut, DePaul, Louisville, Notre Dame, Rutgers, St. Francis (Pa.) and Texas-Arlington. UC also has six games against WNIT participants Marquette, St. John's, South Florida, Villanova, West Virginia and Xavier.

- Cincinnati opens its home season against St. Francis (Pa.) on Nov. 19. The Bearcats have won their last nine home openers.

- With the move to the BIG EAST, UC will face several first-time opponents, including Connecticut, Georgetown, Providence, Rutgers, St. John's, Seton Hall and Villanova. The Bearcats will also face Fordham for the first time.

- Of UC's 26 opponents, 15 return at least eight letterwinners from last year and 12 teams return at least four starters.

## CINCINNATI 2005-06 OPPONENTS

	2004-05 Record	Post Season	RPI Rank	Ltrm Ret	Strt Ret	Series		
						UC Op	Last	
Connecticut	25-8	NCAA	11	8	3			None
Dayton	12-16		165	11	4	21	21	2005
DePaul	26-5	NCAA	28	9	4	11	18	2005
Detroit	9-20		258	9	3	4	2	2005
East Tennessee State	13-17		173	9	4	2	0	2000
Eastern Illinois	8-19		253	6	3	2	2	1997
Fordham	10-21		226	8	2			None
Georgetown	12-16		100	7	4			None
Indiana	10-18		98	10	3	2	4	1999
Louisville	22-9	NCAA	45	9	4	25	29	2005
Marquette	18-12	WNIT	79	8	4	9	16	2005
Notre Dame	27-6	NCAA	9	8	3	0	1	1982
Oregon State	6-23		234	8	4	0	1	2004
Pittsburgh	13-15		131	6	2	2	1	2000
Providence	1-27		284	9	4			None
Rutgers	28-7	NCAA	6	9	3			None
Saint Francis	21-10	NCAA	103	5	1	1	0	2002
St. John's	20-11	WNIT	80	9	5			None
Seton Hall	14-14		94	7	2			None
South Florida	21-11	WNIT	78	7	4	10	3	2005
Syracuse	13-16		111	5	1	1	1	2002
Texas-Arlington	21-10	NCAA	83	6	2	1	0	1992
Toledo	14-15		213	10	4	6	2	2005
Villanova	19-12	WNIT	53	7	3			None
West Virginia	21-13	WNIT	62	6	3	3	1	1983
Xavier	22-10	WNIT	55	6	4	20	7	2005