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2020 PAC-12 MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT BRACKET ANNOUNCED, OREGON EARNS NO. 1 SEED

SAN FRANCISCO – Eleven of the 12 seeds for the 2020 Pac-12 Men's Basketball Tournament presented by New York Life were determined on Saturday, the final day of the Pac-12 regular season. The bracket is now set with the Pac-12 regular-season outright champion OREGON Ducks (24-7, 13-5) seeking to defend their 2019 tournament title as the event's No. 1 seed.

The Conference matched its record with six teams reaching the 20-win plateau during the regular season, and with as many as seven teams in contention for NCAA Tournament at-large berths the stage is now set for one of the most exciting Pac-12 Tournaments in league history.

The 2020 Pac-12 Men's Basketball Tournament will take place Wednesday – Saturday, March 11-14 with an action-packed 11 games over four intense days in the event's fourth year at T-Mobile Arena. All-Tournament and Flex Passes and single-session tickets for this year's event are available at <u>pac-12.com/tickets</u>.

The preseason Conference favorite, OREGON laid claim to the title outright by defeating Stanford, 80-67, in the league's regular-season finale on Saturday night. It secured a piece of history for the UO as it became the first school to capture Conference titles in football, women's basketball and men's basketball in the same academic year. The Ducks also celebrated a league title – the program's seventh all-time including its third in the last five years – on their home floor for the first time since 1945.

UCLA (19-12, 12-6) won 11 of its final 14 Conference games to finish in second place and claim the No. 2 seed. The Bruins, under first-year head coach Mick Cronin, were picked eighth in the league's preseason media poll.

ARIZONA STATE (20-11) and USC (22-9) tied for third at 11-7 in league play. The teams split a pair of Conference meetings – a victory over the Ducks gives the Sun Devils the No. 3 seed, and the Trojans collect the final first-round bye as the No. 4 seed. It marks the first time ASU has earned a top-4 seed in back-to-back seasons since 2009 and 2010.

ARIZONA (20-11, 10-8) then slotted into the No. 5 seed based on its head-to-head victory over COLORADO (21-10, 10-8), which positions into the No. 6 seed.

STANFORD (20-11, 9-9) finished in solo seventh for the No. 7 seed.

CALIFORNIA (13-18), OREGON STATE (17-13) and UTAH (16-14) finished in a three-way tie for eighth at 7-11 in league play. All three teams split their regular-season meetings – the Beavers' victory over the Ducks secured the No. 8 seed. The Utes claimed the No. 9 seed by virtue of their victory over USC, placing the Golden Bears into the No. 10 slot.

WASHINGTON STATE (15-16, 6-12) and WASHINGTON (15-16, 5-13) rounded out the Pac-12 Tournament bracket with the No. 11 and No. 12 seeds, respectively.

The Pac-12 Networks will air eight games of the Tournament, including the first seven games, starting with first round action on Wednesday, March 11. Game times are 12:00 p.m. PT, 2:30 p.m. PT, 6:00 p.m. PT, and 8:30 p.m. PT.

The Pac-12 Networks will carry the first three quarterfinal games on Thursday, March 12 at 12:00 p.m. PT, 2:30 p.m. PT, and 6:00 p.m. PT. FS1 will air the last quarterfinal that evening at 8:30 p.m. PT.

Semifinal action on Friday, March 13 tips off at 6:00 p.m. PT (PAC12) and 8:30 p.m. PT (FS1). The Pac-12 Championship will air on ESPN on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. PT.

For the latest Pac-12 Men's Basketball Tournament bracket and news, and to follow the tournament throughout the week, visit <u>pac-12.com</u> and <u>pac-12.com/menstourney</u>. For up-to-the-minute updates, follow on Twitter at @pac12 and on Facebook (<u>facebook.com/pac12conference</u>). Fans can also follow the Pac-12 Networks on Twitter for exclusive content at @Pac12Network.

2020 Pac-12 Men's Basketball Tournament Schedule T-Mobile Arena (Capacity: 18,000) – Las Vegas (Game times are local to site; * - approximate tip time)

Wed., March 11

Session 1

Game 1: No. 8 OREGON STATE vs. No. 9 UTAH, 12:00 p.m. PT, Pac-12 Network Game 2: No. 5 ARIZONA vs. No. 12 WASHINGTON, 2:30 p.m. PT*, Pac-12 Network

Session 2

Game 3: No. 7 STANFORD vs. No. 10 CALIFORNIA, 6:00 p.m. PT, Pac-12 Network Game 4: No. 6 COLORADO vs. No. 11 WASHINGTON STATE, 8:30 p.m. PT*, Pac-12 Network

Thurs., March 12

Session 3

Game 5: Game 1 winner vs. No. 1 OREGON, 12:00 p.m. PT, Pac-12 Network Game 6: Game 2 winner vs. No. 4 USC, 2:30 p.m. PT*, Pac-12 Network

Session 4

Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. No. 2 UCLA, 6:00 p.m. PT, Pac-12 Network Game 8: Game 4 winner vs. No. 3 ARIZONA STATE, 8:30 p.m. PT*, FS1

Fri., March 13

Session 5

Game 9: Semifinal 1, 6:00 p.m. PT, Pac-12 Network

Game 10: Semifinal 2, 8:30 p.m. PT*, FS1

Sat., March 14

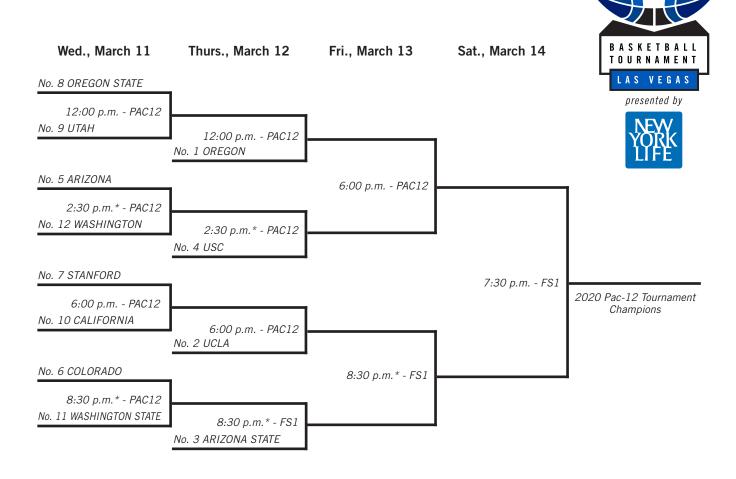
Session 6

Game 11: Pac-12 Championship, 7:30 p.m. PT, FS1

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Sat., March 14 Game 11: Championship, 7:30 p.m. PT	FS1	Joe Davis, Steve Lavin, Andy Katz

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