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PAC-12 ANNOUNCES 2019-20 MEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKLY PAIRINGS

SAN FRANCISCO — The Pac-12 Conference has released the weekly matchups and site designations for the league's 2019-20 men's basketball season.

The announcement reflects the games being played and the home/away designations each week of the Pac-12 regular season. Specific dates and times for each game within a week will be announced later this summer after selections by the league's television partners are finalized. All 108 Conference games will be televised by either Pac-12 Network, ESPN/2/U, FOX/FS1 or CBS.

The weekly matchups and site designations for the 2019-20 regular season have been determined based on the league's current annual 18-game rotation model. The Conference announced this past May that it will transition to a 20-game league schedule beginning with the 2020-21 season.

Tipoff of the league's regular season will begin no earlier than Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2019, with the opening week highlighted by traditional rivalry games in the Territorial Cup between ARIZONA and ARIZONA STATE, and CALIFORNIA versus STANFORD.

Defending Conference champions OREGON (Tournament) and WASHINGTON (Regular Season) will meet in the third week with the Ducks visiting the Huskies in their lone matchup of the season.

Regular-season play will conclude on Saturday, March 7, 2019, with the final week featuring rivalry games of COLORADO at UTAH and UCLA at USC.

The Pac-12 Tournament returns for its fourth year at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas from March 11-14, 2020.

Five Pac-12 teams – Arizona, Colorado, Oregon, USC and Washington – appear on several national media outlets' early top 25 rankings for the 2019-20 campaign.

Four All-Conference selections, two All-Freshmen Team performers and an All-Defensive Team honoree from last season are slated to return to the league for 2019-20. Additionally, four NBA Draft early-entry candidates elected to return to Pac-12 programs, highlighted by First Team All-Conference pick **Tres Tinkle** (Oregon State), All-Rookie Team member **CJ Elleby** (Washington State) and reigning Pac-12 Tournament Most Valuable Player **Payton Pritchard** (Oregon).

Pac-12 programs also boast five of the top 40 recruiting classes in the country according to 247Sports, including three in the top 10 (Arizona, USC, Washington). The Conference will welcome five 2019 McDonald's All-Americans – **Nico Mannion & Josh Green**, Arizona; **Isaiah Mobley**, USC; **Jaden McDaniels & Isaiah Stewart**, Washington – which equals the most ever for the league (2006, 2012).

For the first time since 2014-15, three head coaches will make their Pac-12 debuts this season in California's **Mark Fox**, UCLA's **Mick Cronin** and WASHINGTON STATE's **Kyle Smith**. The trio has averaged 20.9 wins and combined for 16 NCAA Tournament appearances and 27 total postseasons in 39 years of head coaching experience.

2019-20 PAC-12 CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL WEEKLY PAIRINGS (Wednesday-Sunday)

Week of Jan. 1-5 Arizona State at Arizona California at Stanford Oregon/Oregon State at Colorado/Utah UCLA/USC at Washington/Washington State

Week of Jan. 8-12 Arizona/Arizona State at Oregon/Oregon State USC at UCLA Utah at Colorado Washington/Washington State at California/Stanford

Week of Jan. 15-19 California/Stanford at UCLA/USC Colorado/Utah at Arizona/Arizona State Oregon/Oregon State at Washington/Washington State

Week of Jan. 22-26

Arizona at Arizona State Stanford at California UCLA/USC at Oregon/Oregon State Washington/Washington State at Colorado/Utah

Week of Jan. 29-Feb. 2 Arizona/Arizona State at Washington/Washington State Colorado/Utah at UCLA/USC Oregon/Oregon State at California/Stanford Week of Feb. 5-9 California/Stanford at Colorado/Utah Oregon at Oregon State UCLA/USC at Arizona/Arizona State Washington at Washington State

Week of Feb. 12-16 Arizona/Arizona State at California/Stanford Colorado/Utah at Oregon/Oregon State Washington/Washington State at UCLA/USC

Week of Feb. 19-23 California/Stanford at Washington/Washington State Oregon/Oregon State at Arizona/Arizona State UCLA/USC at Colorado/Utah

Week of Feb. 26-March 1

Arizona/Arizona State at UCLA/USC Colorado/Utah at California/Stanford Oregon State at Oregon Washington State at Washington

Week of March 4-7 (Regular season ends Saturday, March 7) California/Stanford at Oregon/Oregon State Colorado at Utah UCLA at USC Washington/Washington State at Arizona/Arizona State

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