

Cleveland's Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse to Host Dec. 30 Legends of Basketball Showcase Tripleheader

*-Event to feature a trio of Ohio programs
- Ohio State, Akron and Ohio – facing
West Virginia, St. Bonaventure and
Davidson, respectively-*

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FieldHouse in [Cleveland](#) will serve as
the host venue for the Dec. 30 [Legends
of Basketball](#) Showcase, a college
basketball tripleheader headlined by
the previously announced contest
between the Ohio State Buckeyes and
the West Virginia Mountaineers.

Two more games will make up the Dec.
30 schedule, leading off with the Ohio
Bobcats facing the Davidson Wildcats,
followed by the Akron Zips taking on
the St. Bonaventure Bonnies. The
Buckeyes and Mountaineers will tip off
in primetime. Game times will be
announced in the coming days.



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The [National Basketball Retired Players Association](#) (NBRPA) is the title sponsor of the event. Founded in 1992, The NBRPA serves former professional basketball players in their transition into life after basketball and is the only alumni association of its kind supported directly by the NBA and National Basketball Players Association. Intersport, a Chicago-based sports marketing and events agency, is the operator of the Legends of Basketball Showcase.

Tickets for the event will go on sale on Oct. 12 at www.rocketmortgagefieldhouse.com, but fans interested in attending the tripleheader can register to receive event information and gain

access to early tickets through a one-day presale on Oct. 11 by signing up at www.LegendsofBasketball.com/Showcase. Through the link, fans can also purchase VIP hospitality tickets through the NBRPA for the opportunity to meet former NBA and WNBA stars.

"Following the tremendous success of our inaugural Legends of Basketball Showcase last year in Chicago, we are proud to once again be a huge part of the college basketball calendar and bring the event to Cleveland," said Scott Rochelle, President & CEO of the NBRPA. "With six elite basketball programs being featured and the games being staged at a top-of-the-line venue in Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, we are sure this will be a can't miss event for every basketball fan. We look forward to what promises to be an incredible afternoon and evening of hoops action."

"We're excited to work together once again with the NBRPA to stage the second edition of the Legends of Basketball Showcase, especially with the lineup of programs that will be participating this year," said Mark Starsiak, vice president of basketball at Intersport. "This year's tripleheader features very competitive regional programs with passionate fan followings, which will create an entertaining atmosphere at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse."

Ohio State and West Virginia have faced each other 17 times previously, with the Buckeyes holding a 9-8 edge in the series. The Mountaineers, however, have dominated recent history, winning eight of the last nine meetings, including each of the last three. The teams last met in 2019, with West Virginia earning a 67-59 victory at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse in 2019.

This will be the fourth all-time meeting between Akron and St. Bonaventure, with the Zips carrying a 2-1 edge in the series. The teams have split the last two meetings, with Akron winning a 2018 tilt and St. Bonaventure claiming a 2020 victory. The first meeting between the teams was back in 1942.

Ohio and Davidson have met three times previously, with the Wildcats having won each matchup. Davidson has won a pair of home games as well as a neutral site contest in 2006 in Tempe, Ariz.

The Legends of Basketball Showcase is one of many events that is part of Intersport's early season college basketball calendar, which has seen considerable growth in the last five years. After initially launching a four-team event in Fort Myers in 2018, the Chicago-based agency has announced plans to host at least eight different events during the first eight weeks of the 2023-24 season, with an additional announcement to come in the ensuing days. The current Intersport early season calendar includes:

- Nov. 10: Radford vs Marshall (The Greenbrier Resort, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.)
- Nov. 17-19: Arizona Tip-Off (Desert Diamond Arena, Glendale, Ariz.)
- Nov. 20-22: Fort Myers Tip-Off (Suncoast Credit Union Arena, Fort Myers, Fla.)
- Nov. 23-25: Elevance Health Women's Fort Myers Tip-Off (Suncoast Credit Union Arena, Fort Myers, Fla.)
- Dec. 2: Legends of Basketball Las Vegas Invitational; Gonzaga vs. USC, Washington vs. Colorado

State (MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, Nev.)

- Dec. 14: Florida Tip-Off; Florida vs. East Carolina (RP Funding Center, Lakeland, Fla.)
- Dec. 16: CBS Sports Classic; Ohio State vs. UCLA, North Carolina vs. Kentucky (State Farm Arena, Atlanta, Ga.)
- Dec. 30: Legends of Basketball Showcase: Ohio State vs. West Virginia; Ohio vs. Davidson; Akron vs. St. Bonaventure (Cleveland, Ohio)

Team Quick Facts

Ohio State Buckeyes

Conference: Big Ten

Head Coach: Chris Holtmann

2022-23 record (conference): 16-19 (5-15)

2023 Conference Tournament: Semifinals

All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances: 35

Top Returning Scorer: Zed Key (10.8 ppg)

West Virginia Mountaineers

Conference: Big 12

Head Coach: Josh Eilert

2022-23 record (conference): 19-15 (7-11)

2023 Conference Tournament: Quarterfinals

All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances: 31

Top Returning Scorer: Seth Wilson (4.2 ppg)

Akron Zips

Conference: MAC

Head Coach: John Groce

2022-23 record (conference): 22-11 (13-5)

2023 Conference Tournament: Quarterfinals

All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances: 5

Top Returning Scorer: Seth Wilson (4.2 ppg)

St. Bonaventure Bonnies

Conference: A-10

Head Coach: Mark Schmidt

2022-23 record (conference): 14-18 (8-10)

2023 Conference Tournament: Second Round

All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances: 8

Top Returning Scorer: Daryl Banks III (15.4 ppg)

Ohio Bobcats

Conference: MAC

Head Coach: Jeff Boals

2022-23 record (conference): 19-14 (10-8)
2023 Conference Tournament: Semifinals
All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances: 14
Top Returning Scorer: Jaylin Hunter (13.2 ppg)

Davidson Wildcats

Conference: A-10
Head Coach: Matt McKillop
2022-23 record (conference): 16-16 (8-10)
2023 Conference Tournament: Quarterfinals
All-Time NCAA Tournament Appearances: 15
Top Returning Scorer: Grant Huffman (9.4 ppg)

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Cleveland area. Each year, Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse hosts more than 200 diverse ticketed events and 1,400 private events that draw more than 2 million patrons to downtown Cleveland.

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