



# BIG WEST CONFERENCE

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## **Big West Unveils 37-Game ESPN3 Basketball Package**

**IRVINE, CA** – For the sixth consecutive year, the Big West Conference will provide thorough basketball coverage through its ESPN3 digital platform, featuring a minimum of 37 men’s and women’s games during the 2018-19 schedule.

A minimum of 20 men’s and three women’s regular season games will be streamed on ESPN3. Three additional men’s or women’s “Wild Card” matchups will be determined three weeks prior to game dates on January 31, February 9 and February 28.

Eleven Big West Tournament games will also be included in the package. The entire women’s tournament will appear on ESPN3, including both first round and quarterfinal games at UC Irvine’s Bren Events Center, and culminating with the semifinals and championship game from Honda Center. Four men’s quarterfinal games on Thursday, March 14 will also be featured on the network.

All games will be produced through the Big West’s mobile production facility, commencing on Saturday, January 5 with a women’s showdown between reigning regular season champion UC Davis and UC Riverside inside the SRC Arena.

The initial men’s broadcast pits CSUN against UC Riverside on Wednesday, January 9 at SRC Arena.

Featured games in the package include a rematch of last year’s Big West Women’s Tournament finals when UC Davis travels to CSUN on Thursday, January 24. The two participants in last year’s men’s tourney championship game, Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine, reconvene in an Orange County showdown inside the Bren Events Center on Wednesday, February 6.

UC Davis, the defending men’s regular season champion, will make a minimum of three appearances in the package with returning Big West Player of the Year – senior guard TJ Shorts II.

ESPN3 is ESPN’s live multi-screen sports network, a destination that delivers thousands of exclusive sports events annually. It is accessible on computers, smart phones, tablets and connected streaming devices through the ESPN app. Access to live programming on the ESPN3 channel of WatchESPN.com is available at no additional cost to fans with subscriptions to participating high speed internet service providers. It is also available at no cost to U.S. college students and U.S.-based military personnel via computers, smartphones and tablets connected to on-campus educational networks and on-base military networks.

## 2018 ESPN3 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Tipoff (PST)</u>
Wednesday, January 9	CSUN at UC Riverside	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 10	UC Davis at UC Irvine	7:00 pm
Saturday, January 12	UC Davis at Long Beach State	4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 16	Long Beach State at UC Irvine	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 17	Hawai'i at CSUN	7:00 pm
Saturday, January 19	Hawai'i at UC Riverside	5:00 pm
Wednesday, January 23	Long Beach State at CSUN	7:00 pm
Saturday, January 26	UC Santa Barbara at Long Beach State	7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 30	CSUN at Cal State Fullerton	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 31	<b>Wild Card game selected from:</b>	
	Cal Poly at UC Riverside	7:00 pm
	UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine ( <i>women</i> )	7:00 pm
Saturday, February 2	UC Davis at UC Riverside	6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 6	Cal State Fullerton at UC Irvine	7:00 pm
Thursday, February 7	Hawai'i at Long Beach State	7:00 pm
Saturday, February 9	<b>Wild Card game selected from:</b>	
	Cal State Fullerton at UC Irvine ( <i>women</i> )	2:00 pm
	Hawai'i at Long Beach State ( <i>women</i> )	2:00 pm
	Hawai'i at UC Irvine	TBA
	Cal State Fullerton at UC Riverside	5:00 pm
Wednesday, February 13	Long Beach State at Cal State Fullerton	7:00 pm
Thursday, February 14	UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside	7:00 pm
Saturday, February 16	<b>Wild Card game selected from:</b>	
	UC Santa Barbara at UC Irvine	7:00 pm
	Cal State Fullerton at CSUN	7:00 pm
Thursday, February 21	<b>Wild Card game selected from:</b>	
	Cal Poly at UC Irvine	7:00 pm
	UC Davis at Cal State Fullerton	7:30 pm
Saturday, February 23	UC Davis at CSUN	7:00 pm
Thursday, February 28	<b>Wild Card game selected from:</b>	
	Cal Poly at Cal State Fullerton	7:00 pm
	UC Davis at Long Beach State ( <i>women</i> )	7:00 pm
Saturday, March 2	Cal Poly at Long Beach State	7:00 pm
Thursday, March 7	UC Santa Barbara at CSUN	7:00 pm
Saturday, March 9	Hawai'i at Cal State Fullerton	6:30 pm

### **BIG WEST TOURNAMENT – HONDA CENTER**

Thursday, March 14	Quarterfinals – Game 1	12:00 pm
	Quarterfinals – Game 2	2:30 pm
	Quarterfinals – Game 3	6:00 pm
	Quarterfinals – Game 4	8:30 pm

## 2018 ESPN3 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Day/Date</u>	<u>Contest</u>	<u>Tipoff (PST)</u>
Saturday, January 5	UC Davis at UC Riverside	2:00 pm
Thursday, January 24	UC Davis at CSUN	7:00 pm
Saturday, February 2	UC Santa Barbara at UC Riverside	2:00 pm

### **BIG WEST TOURNAMENT – UC IRVINE**

Tuesday, March 12	First Round – Game 1	6:00 pm
	First Round – Game 2	8:30 pm
Wednesday, March 13	Quarterfinals – Game 1	6:00 pm
	Quarterfinals – Game 2	8:30 pm

### **BIG WEST TOURNAMENT – HONDA CENTER**

Friday, March 15	Semifinals – Game 1	12:00 pm
	Semifinals – Game 2	2:30 pm
Saturday, March 16	Championship	3:30 pm