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Two Final Four Teams Highlight Husky Men's Hoop Home Schedule

SEATTLE -- Home games against two Final Four teams and a season-opening, four-team tournament highlight the 2006-07 University of Washington men's basketball schedule announced Wednesday by Coach **Lorenzo Romar**.

The Huskies play 10 games against 2006 NCAA Tournament competitors. Nineteen of 30 regular-season games will be played at Bank of America Arena where UW posted a 17-2 record in 2006. Washington opens the season with an exhibition game, Nov. 3 against Saint Martin's from Lacey, Wash.

The regular season begins on the earliest date ever with the opening round of the three-day Basketball Travelers Classic that runs Nov. 12-14 at Bank of America Arena. The UW-hosted tournament features a four-team field in a round-robin format. The Huskies have a first-round matchup with Pepperdine, the school at which Romar began his head coaching career in 1996. Northern Iowa, a 2006 NCAA Tournament competitor, and Nicholls State square off in the other half of the first-day doubleheader.

Those three tournament dates begin a stretch of seven straight home games for Washington, matching last year's start as the school's longest season-opening homestand since 1945.

Highlighting the non-conference home slate is a Dec. 20 meeting with Final Four qualifier LSU from the Southeastern Conference. On Dec. 16, Portland State plays at Bank of America Arena. The Vikings are coached for the second season by Ken Bone who served as an assistant for three years on the Washington staff from 2003-05.

Other non-conference home games include visits from Sacramento State (Nov. 19), Eastern Washington (Nov. 24), Idaho (Nov. 29), Southern Utah (Dec. 4) and Weber State (Dec. 22).

The Huskies venture away from Seattle twice for non-conference encounters. Both times they meet formidable foes. Washington continues its series with Gonzaga, visiting the McCarthy Center in Spokane on Dec. 9. UW takes a break during the middle of Pac-10 on Feb. 17, making a cross-country trek to play at Big East power Pittsburgh. The Panthers made five consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

Cross-state rival Washington State's visit to Seattle was moved to Wednesday, Feb. 14 to accommodate the weekend trip to Petersen Events Center where Pittsburgh posted a 16-1 record in 2006.

"The schedule is very well put together. It will be a very tough schedule that includes a couple Final Four teams in UCLA and LSU," Romar remarked. "The road trip to Pittsburgh will be difficult. They are going to be a top-10 team next year and they only lost one game at home last season."

Washington begins Pac-10 play on the road, Dec. 28 against USC followed by a Dec. 31 clash with national runner-up UCLA. The conference home opener is Jan. 4 against perennial national power Arizona.

The Huskies return two starters from the 2006 team that registered a 26-7 record, made its third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the second straight season. Those returning starters, sophomores Jon Brockman and Justin Dentmon, are among 10 underclassmen on the 14-player roster.

"It's not the ideal schedule to throw at a young team, but our kids like to play big games against tough opponents," said Romar. "This is the caliber of opponent and level of schedule that we like to play against."

"Much was made of last year's schedule that people considered to be weak. Although we didn't set out for it to be that way, we thought it served its purpose. Many thought it was going to be a problem because we did not play a road non-conference game, but last year in league we had our best road record since we've been here."

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2006-07 Washington Men's Basketball Schedule

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------|
| Fri. | Nov. 3 | Saint Martin's (<i>exhibition</i>) | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Sun.-Tue. | Nov. 12-14 | BASKETBALL TRAVELERS CLASSIC Bank of America Arena; Seattle, Wash. (Nicholls State, Northern Iowa, Pepperdine, Washington) | | |
| Sun. | Nov. 12 | Game 1 – Nicholls State vs. Northern Iowa | | TBA |
| | | Game 2 – Pepperdine vs. Washington | | TBA |
| Mon. | Nov. 13 | Game 3 – Pepperdine vs. Northern Iowa | | TBA |
| | | Game 4 – Nicholls State vs. Washington | | TBA |
| Tue. | Nov. 14 | Game 5 – Nicholls State vs. Pepperdine | | TBA |
| | | Game 6 – Northern Iowa vs. Washington | | TBA |
| Sun. | Nov. 19 | SACRAMENTO STATE | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Fri. | Nov. 24 | EASTERN WASHINGTON | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Wed | Nov. 29 | IDAHO | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Mon. | Dec. 4 | SOUTHERN UTAH | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Sat. | Dec. 9 | at Gonzaga | Spokane, Wash. | TBA |
| Sat. | Dec. 16 | PORTLAND STATE | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Wed. | Dec. 20 | LSU | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Fri. | Dec. 22 | WEBER STATE | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Thu. | Dec. 28 | * at USC | Los Angeles, Calif. | TBA |
| Sun. | Dec. 31 | * at UCLA | Los Angeles, Calif. | TBA |
| Thu. | Jan. 4 | * ARIZONA | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Sat. | Jan. 6 | * ARIZONA STATE | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Thu. | Jan. 11 | * at Stanford | Palo Alto, Calif. | TBA |
| Sat. | Jan. 13 | * at California | Berkeley, Calif. | TBA |
| Sat. | Jan. 20 | * at Washington State | Pullman, Wash. | TBA |
| Thu. | Jan. 25 | * OREGON | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Sat. | Jan. 27 | * OREGON STATE | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Thu. | Feb. 1 | * at Arizona State | Tempe, Ariz. | TBA |
| Sat. | Feb. 3 | * at Arizona | Tucson, Ariz. | TBA |
| Thu. | Feb. 8 | * CALIFORNIA | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Sun. | Feb. 11 | * STANFORD | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Wed. | Feb. 14 | * WASHINGTON STATE | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Sat. | Feb. 17 | at Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, Pa. | TBA |
| Thu. | Feb. 22 | * at Oregon State | Corvallis, Ore. | TBA |
| Sat. | Feb. 24 | * at Oregon | Eugene, Ore. | TBA |
| Thu. | Mar. 1 | * USC | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Sat. | Mar. 3 | * UCLA | Seattle, Wash. | TBA |
| Wed.-Sat. | Mar. 7-10 | at Pacific-10 Conference Tournament | Los Angeles, Calif. | |
| Wed. | Mar. 7 | No. 8 vs. No. 9 / No. 7 vs. No. 10 (<i>FSN</i>) | | TBA |
| Thu. | Mar. 8 | Quarterfinals (<i>FSN</i>) | | TBA |
| Fri. | Mar. 9 | Semifinals (<i>FSN</i>) | | TBA |
| Sat. | Mar. 10 | Championship Game (<i>CBS</i>) | | TBA |
| Thu.-Sun. | Mar. 15-18 | NCAA First and Second Rounds | | TBA |
| Thu.-Sun. | Mar. 22-25 | NCAA Regionals | | TBA |
| Sat. | Mar. 31 | NCAA Final Four -- Semifinals, Georgia Dome; Atlanta, Ga. | | TBA |
| Mon. | Apr. 2 | NCAA Final Four -- Championship, Georgia Dome; Atlanta, Ga. | | TBA |

All Home Games played in Bank of America Arena at Hec Edmundson Pavilion (3870 Montlake Blvd. N.E.)

* Pacific-10 Conference Game