



NEW DATE STRUCTURE FOR MARCH MADNESS 2021

The NCAA has announced the new structure for this year's NCAA Basketball Tournament, and the schedule will encounter a few modifications from the traditional dates. The first round, for example, will be played on a Friday-Monday schedule, rather than the typical Thursday-Sunday. The Sweet 16 and the Elite Eight will be pushed back two days, to a Saturday-Tuesday window. There's also extra time built into the front end, with the First Four games coming on Thursday of the tournament's opening week. That would allow the NCAA added time for team intake and testing before games begin. The start and end dates will remain the same. Selection Sunday is still March 14, and the national title will be awarded April 5. The tournament will be played in four Indianapolis locations: Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the NFL Colts; Bankers Life Fieldhouse, where the NBA Pacers play; Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University; and the Indiana Farmers Coliseum, located on the State Fairgrounds. Mackey Arena at Purdue University and Assembly Hall at Indiana University will also serve as hosts for early round games. Bankers Life Fieldhouse and Hinkle Fieldhouse will host the Sweet 16. Lucas Oil Stadium, already the host site for this year's Final Four pre-COVID, will host the Elite Eight, the national semifinals and final. College basketball will remain King in the Crossroads of America for its other division's championships, as Evansville and Fort Wayne are expected to host the NCAA's Division II and Division III men's tournaments.

DID YOU KNOW? The Indiana Farmers Coliseum hosted The Beatles' only performance in the state of Indiana in 1964?

2021 NCAA TOURNAMENT DATES & LOCATIONS

(All games in Indianapolis unless noted)

First Four -- Thursday, March 18: Assembly Hall (Bloomington); Mackey Arena (West Lafayette)

First Round Games -- Friday, March 19 & Saturday, March 20: Assembly Hall (Bloomington); Mackey Arena (West Lafayette); Bankers Life Fieldhouse; Hinkle Fieldhouse; Indiana Farmers Coliseum; Lucas Oil Stadium.

Second Round Games -- Sunday, March 21 & Monday, March 22: Bankers Life Fieldhouse; Hinkle Fieldhouse; Indiana Farmers Coliseum; Lucas Oil Stadium.

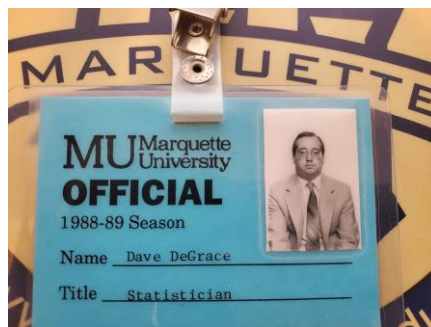
Sweet Sixteen -- Saturday, March 27 & Sunday, March 28: Bankers Life Fieldhouse; Hinkle Fieldhouse.

Elite Eight -- Monday, March 29 & Tuesday, March 30: Lucas Oil Stadium.

Final Four -- Saturday, April 3: & Monday, April 5: Lucas Oil Stadium.

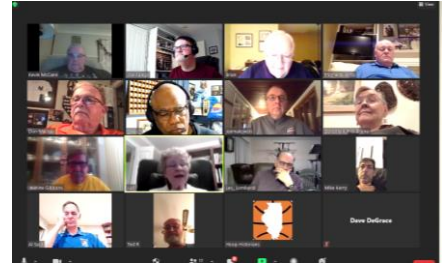


A BLAST FROM THE PAST



Hoop Historian **Dave DeGrace** recently uncovered his official credential from the 1988-89 season at Marquette University. Dave has been the basketball statistician at the school since 1979.

HOOP HISTORIANS ZOOM ACROSS THE COUNTRY



Twenty-three Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians enjoyed the first ever Hoop Historians Round Table Discussion via a Zoom Conference Call. The participants represented eight different states and discussed timely topics such as basketball during a pandemic; participated in a trivia contest; and viewed a short video of pictures of Hoop Historians from yesteryear. The next Hoop Historians Roundtable Discussion is scheduled for Sunday, January 31. Members and Friends of the Hoop Historians will receive information regarding that Zoom session via email a couple of days before the meeting.

NEWS AND NOTES: Hoop Historians Kevin McCann and Ted Reineking were recently recognized by the Daily Herald for their 93 combined years of service working the scorer's table at DePaul.

2021 FINAL FOUR



APRIL 3-5