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We are excited to welcome our fans and visitors back to Hawai‘i for this annual tradition. The combination of quality basketball programs, the spirit of Aloha, and the natural beauty of the islands make the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic truly a one-of-a-kind sporting event.

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On behalf of the people of Hawai‘i, I warmly welcome the organizers, sponsors, players and attendees of the 12th Annual Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic. Hawai‘i is proud to host this premiere, nationally-televised Division I College basketball tournament, and we are eager to share our aloha spirit with visiting teams and fans once again.

Eight teams are competing at the SimpliFi Arena at the Stan Sheriff Center: Brigham Young, Liberty, Northern Iowa, South Florida, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Wyoming and our very own University of Hawai‘i Rainbow Warriors. I encourage fans across the nation to have fun cheering on their favorite teams and invite visitors to experience Hawai‘i’s unique culture and beauty during our warm and sunny holiday season.

Mahalo nui loa to Hawaiian Airlines, ESPN, and all other local and national sponsors who have contributed to this exciting event. Best “swishes” to the teams, and to all, enjoy the games!

With warmest regards,

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MAYOR RICK BLANGIARDE
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More than a half-century of prestigious holiday college basketball tournaments in Hawai‘i – a tradition that includes players the caliber of Michael Jordan, Isiah Thomas and Pete Maravich, coaches like Dean Smith, Mike Krzyzewski and Jim Valvano, and teams such as Michigan’s Fab Five – began in striking fashion.

Specifically, with a punch.

The spiritual predecessor of the modern Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic was the old eight-team Rainbow Classic, founded in 1964. It was the brain-child of then-University of Hawai‘i coach Red Rocha and Chuck Leahey, the director of special services and athletic director for the 14th Naval District. The two sought to turn a spotlight on hoops in Hawai‘i; the time seemed right with the NCAA’s appealing new scheduling exemption that allowed teams to get in extra games on non-Mainland locales. Through Leahey’s ties, visitors would stay in military accommodations to help defray costs.

The inaugural tournament featured five Mainland college programs, two local military teams, and host UH at the newly built Honolulu International Center. Shoot, even Boston Celtics legend Bob Cousy was coming, as the coach of Boston College.

Rocha and Leahey got their wish for attention right off the bat, albeit probably not in the way they intended.

The very first Rainbow Classic game was a hotly contested one between the Hawaii Marines and Utah State University. The Marines would eventually win that battle in overtime, 94-91, but the score barely registered. The banner across the front page of the Dec. 27, 1964 edition of The Honolulu Advertiser was about what happened after the final horn.

Utah State coach LaDell Andersen disagreed with the local officials’ calls late in the game and got into a walk-and-talk on-court argument with referee Creighton “Fuzzy” Richards. Head of officials Jimmy Aiona intervened — and, in front of the 5,600 on hand, slugged Andersen in the jaw, knocking him unconscious.

Bedlam ensued between fans, players and the referee. Aiona, who was subsequently barred from officiating future UH events, was whisked away, but not before Mayor Neal Blaisdell, a spectator for what was supposed to be a walk-and-talk on-court argument with Andersen, gave the ref what the Advertiser described as a “tongue-lashing.”

Anderson was treated at Queen’s Hospital for a bloody nose and released. Utah State’s Wayne Estes would go on to score 122 points in three games, a record that still stands, and the Marines took home the first of tournament title with a win over Wisconsin.

Civility and hospitality improved drastically from there (it didn’t hurt that Outrigger Hotels stepped up as a longtime tournament sponsor). Over the next few years, the event garnered national attention on its on-court merits. Final Four teams Houston and Ohio State came over in 1967 and national finalist Purdue appeared the next year. Maravich, “The Pistol,” scored a still-tournament single-game record 53 points for LSU, including 40 in a half, in a semifinal win over St. John’s in ’69.

“We don’t invite anybody to this tournament,” Rocha told Sports Illustrated in 1970. “It’s a matter of refusing requests.”


By the time current Spectrum Sports analyst Artie Wilson committed to be a part of that ’71 team, the tournament was already a thing — and in his mind he set the bar for other early season nonconference events around the country, such as the Great Alaska Shootout, which came about in 1978.

Sellouts and raucous atmospheres were like clockwork over four days between Christmas and New Year’s Eve, Wilson recalls, even for consolation-round games.

“It was probably the biggest ticket in town for the holiday season other than Christmas morning when you’re waiting for Santa to arrive,” Wilson said. “It was everything everybody wanted. I think people planned their company parties and their Christmas parties and their family outings around the Rainbow Classic.”

For the competing teams, that time of the season was valuable for tuning up issues just before conference play began, helping justify the lengthy travel.

When the Rainbow Classic originated, games were televised but taped. It steadily evolved to the point where, through the 1990s, national television coverage became the norm, through UH’s upset of Roy Williams and No. 2 Kansas in the ESPN televised 1997 Rainbow Classic final.

While Jordan and North Carolina prevailed in the 1982 Rainbow Classic, the event’s pinnacle could well have been a decade later, when three of the four eventual Final Four teams that year – UNC, Michigan and Kansas – competed at the Blaisdell. The Michigan Fab Five got the better of the Tar Heels in a Rainbow Classic semifinal, but Dean Smith’s squad prevailed in the national title game rematch in April.

Over time, pre-conference season tournaments gradually proliferated and it became increasingly difficult to attract marquee teams to the Islands, though the Maui Invitational, which began in 1984, emerged as a force during Thanksgiving week every year. By the mid-2000s, the floodgates were fully open for multi-team exempted events.

A solution emerged through a partnership between ESPN Events and host UH and the nationally televised, eight-team Diamond Head Classic was launched in 2009 with Hawaiian Airlines as the title sponsor, and UH’s 10,300-seat Stan Sheriff Center as the backdrop. Immediately, it moved into the holiday slot formerly occupied by the Rainbow Classic, which became a four-team round-robin tournament at the start of UH’s season.

“As you started to see the Rainbow Classic maybe wane in magnitude over time, I thought that it was really a shrewd move on the part of ESPN Events, Pete Derzis (the retired ESPN Senior Vice President of College Sports Programming) and company, to understand and identify there was this great thing that had become a tradition associated with Hawai‘i and college basketball,” said Kanoa Leahey, who has been a part of ESPN’s broadcast team as a play-by-play announcer for each of the 11 editions of the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic to date.

Leahey feels a special connection to the holiday tournaments in the Islands that his grandfather, Chuck, helped found.

“The (Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic) idea really germinated from, ‘hey, let’s try to restore some of that, and try to create a tournament that can, at least on some levels, live up to that tradition and that legacy.’ That’s really the purpose of the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic, that’s really what it served.”

The modern Classic has certainly had its share of marquee teams and moments, whether it was Butler’s 2010 appearance between Cinderella Final Four runs, Nick Johnson’s title-saving block for Arizona over San Diego State in 2012, or Buddy Hield and No. 3 Oklahoma prevailing a Final Four appearance in 2015.

Both the Rainbow Classic and Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic were canceled in 2020 as a result of scheduling and travel difficulties due to the coronavirus.

“It was missed, and I’m extremely excited about the fact that it’s scheduled to be back on track here this year, because it just serves such a great purpose in co-branding Hawai‘i and college basketball at its best,” Leahey said.

The 2021 Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic field, set for Dec. 22, 23 and 25 at the SimpliFi Arena at Stan Sheriff Center, includes: host Hawai‘i of the Big West Conference; Vanderbilt of the Southeastern Conference; South Florida of the American Athletic Conference; BYU of the West Coast Conference; Stanford of the Pac-12 Conference; Wyoming of the Mountain West Conference; Northern Iowa of the Missouri Valley Conference; and Liberty of the Atlantic Sun Conference.
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By Lance Tominaga

Now in its twelfth year, the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic has become one of college basketball’s premier holiday spectacles, showcasing some of the country’s top teams, players and coaches – all competing in the most alluring tropical setting in the world.

The tournament’s alumni roster includes NBA All-Star Klay Thompson, who has won three NBA championship rings with the Golden State Warriors. Thompson led the Washington State Cougars to the Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic championship game in 2010. The list also includes Buddy Hield, who now plays for the Sacramento Kings. The former Oklahoma Sooner still holds the tournament record for most total points (86).

The USC Trojans used a stifling defense and a 16-2 first-half run to upend the No. 20-ranked UNLV Runnin’ Rebels, 67-56, and capture the inaugural Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic championship. The Trojans’ lineup also included sophomore forward Nikola Vucevic, now an All-Star performer for the NBA’s Chicago Bulls.

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2010

The Butler Bulldogs rolled to 84-68 win over Washington State to claim the tournament title. The Bulldogs used the tournament as a springboard for a Cinderella run in the NCAA Tournament, falling to Connecticut in the national championship game. Brad Stevens, now the head coach for the Boston Celtics, would be named the “Clair Bee Coach of the Year.”

2011

Kansas State outscored their three tournament opponents by a combined 50 points, to claim the 2011 title. For Hawai‘i fans, however, the tournament highlight was the host team’s thrilling 84-82 upset over No. 14-ranked Xavier. Rainbow Warrior forward Joston Thomas dropped in a floater with 1.5 seconds left in overtime to give Hawai‘i the win.

Both No. 3-ranked Arizona and No. 17 San Diego State had 11-game winning streaks heading into the tournament’s championship game, but it was the Wildcats who pulled out a 68-67 victory. Tournament MVP and future NBA first-round pick Solomon Hill led Arizona with 21 points, and teammate Nick Johnson swatted away a last-second layup attempt to preserve the win.

2012

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PLAYER TO WATCH
ALEX BARCELLO

Barcello, a senior guard from Chandler, Arizona, earned AP All-American honors during the 2020-21 season. Also named to All-West Coast Conference First Team after averaging 16.1 points per game shooting 52.3 percent from the floor, 47.7 percent from beyond the arc and 85.6 percent from the free throw line. He scored a career-high 29 points in the 79-73 win over San Francisco on February 25, making all seven of his 3-point attempts. Barcello started in all 32 games in 2019-20 after transferring from the University of Arizona. He averaged 9.3 points and 3.1 assist per game on a team that went 24-8 including a 91-78 victory over No. 2 Gonzaga on Senior Night.

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PLAYER TO WATCH
JUNIOR MADUT
A 6’6” junior guard hailing from Sydney, Australia, Junior Madut received All-Big West honorable mention in 2020-21 and is considered the team’s best two-way player with his performance on both ends of the court. Last year, he averaged 10.5 points, 4.2 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game. The team leader in steals and minutes played, he had three 20-point performances.

One of six international players on this year’s roster, Madut is a member of the South Sudan national team that competed in the 2021 FIBA AfroBasket tournament.

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DARIUS McGHEE
Liberty’s Darius McGhee has been synonymous with winning throughout his time at Liberty. In McGhee’s first three seasons, Liberty has won three ASUN Regular Season titles and three ASUN Tournament titles. McGhee has won 83 games at Liberty, just 21 wins away from tying the program record for most career wins. Last season, McGhee won ASUN Player of the Year and was named ASUN Tournament MVP after averaging 15.6 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game. Lethal at all three levels, McGhee shot 45.8 percent from the field, 41.3 percent from three-point range and 84.8 percent from the free throw line. During conference play McGhee picked up his game, averaging 16.9 points per game along with 4.6 rebounds and 1.9 assists while shooting 47 percent from the field, 42.3 percent from three-point range and 87 percent from the free throw line.

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## Northern Iowa

**Nickname:** Panthers  
**Colors:** Purple and Old Gold

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### 2021-2022 Roster

**Player to Watch:**  
**AJ Green**

AJ Green looks to make a strong return after missing all but three games last year due to injury. The 6-4 guard out of Cedar Falls, Iowa, was the MVC Player of the Year as a sophomore after averaging 19.7 points per game. He enters his redshirt junior campaign as the preseason favorite for Player of the Year. He continues to climb the scoring charts at Northern Iowa, where he has already scored more than 1,200 career points in just a little more than two seasons of action.
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
Nickname: Bulls
Colors: Green and Gold

2020-2021 Record
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2021-2022 Roster

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1  Javon Greene  G  6-4  195  Sr.  McDonough, Ga. / George Mason
2  Mark Calleja  G  6-2  185  Jr.  Hudson, Fla. / Hudson HS
3  DJ Patrick  F  6-6  200  Fr.  Powder Springs Ga. / Triton College
4  Jalyn McCreary  F  6-8  225  So.  Marietta, Ga. / South Carolina
5  Jake Boggs  F  6-7  200  So.  Charlotte, N.C. / UNC-Wilmington
10  Serrel Smith Jr.  G  6-4  175  Jr.  St. Petersburg, Fla. / Maryland
11  Trey Moss  G  6-3  180  Fr.  Windermere, Fla. / Windermere HS
14  Bayron Matos  F  6-9  260  Fr.  Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic / New Mexico
15  Corey Walker Jr.  F  6-8  215  Fr.  Jacksonville, Fla. / Tennessee
20  Sam Hines Jr.  F  6-6  215  Fr.  Marietta, Ga. / Denver University
23  Caleb Murphy  G  6-4  185  Fr.  Youngstown, Ohio / Grayson High School
24  Jamir Chaplin  G  6-5  200  So.  Norcross, Ga. / Meadowcreek HS
33  Lamont Evans  G  6-0  155  Fr.  Hollywood, Fla. / Blanche Ely HS
54  Russel Tchewa  C  7-0  280  So.  Douala, Cameroon / Texas Tech

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PLAYER TO WATCH
CALEB MURPHY
Caleb Murphy returns to the lineup after a stellar inaugural season with the Bulls. Murphy started 18 of 21 games last year and by season’s end was named to the 2020-21 American Athletic Conference All-Freshman Team. The 6-4 guard averaged 8.3 points per game and scored in double-digits eight times, highlighted by a career-high 20 points at Memphis. Big things are expected this year out of the native of Youngstown, Ohio, who also averaged 2.9 assists and 2.3 rebounds per game as a true freshman.
STANFORD
Nickname: Cardinal
Colors: Cardinal and White

2020-2021 Record
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NCAA Tournament Appearances
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NIT Tournament Appearances
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2021-2022 Roster

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0 Neal Begovich F 6-9 230 R-So. San Francisco, Calif. / St. Ignatius College Prep
1 Isa Silva G 6-4 190 Fr. Sacramento, Calif. / Jesuit
3 Jarvis Moss G 6-4 190 Fr. Concord, N.C. / Cannon School
5 Michael O’Connell G 6-2 190 So. Mineola, N.Y. / Blair Academy (N.J.)
10 Max Murrell F 6-9 225 So. Omaha, Neb. / Millard North
11 Jaiden Delaire F 6-9 215 Sr. North Granby, Conn. / Granby Memorial
12 Keenan Fitzmorris F 7-0 235 R-Jr. Overland Park, Kan. / New Hampton School (N.H.)
14 Spencer Jones F 6-7 225 Jr. Roeland Park, Kan. / Bishop Miege
20 Noah Taitz G 6-3 185 So. Las Vegas, Nev. / Bishop Gorman
21 Daniel Begovich G 6-5 215 5th San Francisco, Calif. / St. Ignatius College Prep
22 James Keefe F 6-9 235 Jr. Los Angeles, Calif. / Loyola
23 Brandon Angel F 6-8 230 So. San Diego, Calif. / Torrey Pines
24 Sam Beskind G 6-4 190 R-Jr. Tucson, Ariz. / Catalina Foothills
32 Lukas Kisunas F 6-10 265 Sr. Vilnius, Lithuania / Brewster Academy (N.H.)
42 Maxime Raynaud F 7-1 235 Fr. Paris, France / Lycee Henri IV
55 Harrison Ingram F 6-7 230 Fr. Dallas, Texas / St. Mark’s

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PLAYER TO WATCH
JAI DEN DELAIRE
Entering his senior campaign with the Cardinal, 6-9 forward Jaiden Delaire is poised to continue his ascent after a breakthrough 2020-21 campaign. As a junior last year, the native of North Granby, Conn., was named the Pac-12 Most Improved Player while also earning all-conference honorable mention. Delaire started 21 of 24 games last year, averaging 12.5 points, 4.1 rebounds and 1.0 assists per game. His 13.4 points per game in Pac-12 games, ranks fourth among all returners league-wide.
VANDERBILT
Nickname: Commodores
Colors: Black and Gold

NCAA Tournament Appearances
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NIT Tournament Appearances
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PLAYER TO WATCH
SCOTTY PIPPEN, JR.
Preseason SEC Player of the Year, Scotty Pippen Jr. was also named to the Bob Cousy Award watch list, an honor that goes to the nation’s top point guard. As a sophomore, Pippen was an NABC First-Team All-District pick and an All-SEC selection by The Associated Press after he set a school record for a sophomore with 20.8 points per game – that also ranked as the seventh-highest scoring season in program history and highest since 1999-2000.

A native of Los Angeles, Pippen also posted the ninth-most assists per game in Vandy history last season and ranked second in the SEC with 4.9 per contest. He ranked third in the SEC and ninth nationally with 142 made free throws, and second in the SEC with 1.77 steals per game. He shot 42.8 percent from the field overall, 35.8 percent from 3-point range and 85 percent from the free throw line (second in SEC) and led the team in scoring 13 times.

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Hunter Thompson
Jeremiah Oden
John Grigsby
Kenny Foster
Nate Barnhart
Xavier DuSell
Noah Reynolds
**WYOMING**

Nickname: Cowboys  
Colors: Brown and Gold

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**PLAYER TO WATCH**

**HUNTER MALDONADO**

Maldonado is a two-time Mountain West Honorable Mention selection. Last season, He averaged 12.5 points per game to rank second on the team. He led the Pokes in rebounds at 6.8 per game and also assists at 4.6 per night. He ranked third in the conference in assists on the season and ranked seventh in rebounds. He has over 1,000 career points with the Cowboys, a number he reached last season to become the 39th player in Wyoming history to do so. Over his career, Maldonado has appeared in 92 games heading into the season and has started 79 of those contests.

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Tim O’Flannigan
Behind senior guard Alex Robinson, the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs rolled to an 83-69 victory over Indiana State to claim the tournament championship. Robinson recorded 15 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists in the game. He set a new tournament record with 26 assists in the three-day event. TCU is coached by former Hawai’i assistant Jamie Dixon.

Future NBA Lottery pick Buddy Hield scored 34 points to lead the No. 3-ranked Oklahoma Sooners to a convincing 83-71 victory over Harvard in the title game. The Sooners would go on to reach the NCAA Tournament’s Final Four, and Hield won several national Player of the Year honors, including the coveted John Wooden Award and Naismith Award.

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CHAMPIONSHIP
Sat, 12/25
3:30pm HST

*Win or lose Hawai'i will be in the 7pm game.
## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

All-Time Results and All-Tournament Teams

### 2009

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- Marcus Johnson, USC
- Omar Samhan, Saint Mary’s
- Dwain Williams, Hawai’i
- Tre’Von Willis, UNLV

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**
- Mike Gerrity, USC

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### 2010

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- LaceDarius Dunn, Baylor
- Shelvin Mack, Butler
- Chris Singleton, Florida State
- Klay Thompson, Washington State

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**
- Matt Howard, Butler

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### 2011

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- Larry Anderson, Long Beach State
- Zane Johnson, Hawai’i
- Jamar Samuels, Kansas State
- Michael Perez, UTEP

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**
- Rodney McGruder, Kansas State

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### 2012

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- Murphy Holloway, Ole Miss
- Jake Odum, Indiana State
- Chase Tapley, San Diego State
- Mark Lyons, Arizona

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**
- Solomon Hill, Arizona

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### 2013

**All-Tournament Team**
- Anthony Drmic, Boise State
- Melvin Ejim, Iowa State
- George Niang, Iowa State
- Brandon Spearman, Hawai'i

**Most Valuable Player**
- Deandre Kane, Iowa State

**Consolation**
- Oregon State 58
- Hawai'i 76
- Iowa State 83

**Semi-Final**
- Akron 60
- Hawai'i 59

**Championship**
- Iowa State 70
- Boise State 66

### 2014

**All-Tournament Team**
- Ron Baker, Wichita State
- Askia Booker, Colorado
- Isaac Fleming, Hawai'i
- Fred VanVleet, Wichita State

**Most Valuable Player**
- Kevin Larsen, George Washington

**Consolation**
- Ohio 77
- Loyola M. 72
- Loyola M. (OT)

**Semi-Final**
- Nebraska 50
- Loyola M. 53

**Championship**
- George Washington 60
- Wichita State 58

### 2015

**All-Tournament Team**
- Roderick Bobbit, Hawai'i
- Kareem Canty, Auburn
- Zena Edosomwan, Harvard
- Chase Fischer, BYU

**Most Valuable Player**
- Buddy Hield, Oklahoma

**Consolation**
- New Mexico 78
- Tennessee 66

**Semi-Final**
- Harvard 82
- BYU 51

**Championship**
- Oklahoma 84
- Hawai'i 81

### 2016

**All-Tournament Team**
- David Collette, Utah
- Deontae Hawkins, Illinois State
- Charles Minlend, San Francisco
- Trey Kell, San Diego State

**Most Valuable Player**
- Zylan Cheatham, San Diego State

**Consolation**
- Stephen F. Austin 51
- Stephen F. Austin 67

**Semi-Final**
- San Diego 82
- Southern Miss 76

**Championship**
- San Diego 62
- San Francisco 48

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**Team Records**

**Most Points Scored**
- *Tournament*: 262, BYU, 2015

**Most 3-Point Field Goals Made**
- *Game*: 16 San Francisco vs. Utah, 2016; BYU vs. New Mexico, 2015
- *Tournament*: 33 Akron (93 att.), 2017

**Highest 3-PT. Field-Goal Percentage**
- *Game*: (min. 10 att.): .692 UTEP (9-13) vs. Auburn, 2011
- *Tournament*: (min. 20 att.): .513 Kansas State (20-39), 2011

**Most Field Goals Made**
- *Game*: 38, Ohio vs. DePaul, 2014
- *Tournament*: 91, TCU 2018
### 2017

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- Dewan Huell, Miami
- Jemerrio Jones, New Mexico St.
- Zach Lofton, New Mexico St.
- Chimezie Metu, USC

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**
- Bennie Boatwright, USC

**CONSOLATION**
- Princeton 64
- Hawai'i 59

**SEVENTH**
- Davidson 91

**FIFTH**
- Princeton 77

**THIRD**
- Miami (FL) 54

**CHAMPIONSHIP**
- USC 82

### 2018

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- Jordan Barnes, Indiana State
- Jaylen Fisher, TCU
- Zigmars Raimo, Hawai'i
- Nate Sestina, Bucknell

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**
- Alex Robinson, TCU

**CONSOLATION**
- Boise State 85

**SEVENTH**
- Colorado 68

**FIFTH**
- Hawai'i 68

**THIRD**
- Bucknell 97

**CHAMPIONSHIP**
- TCU 83

### 2019

**ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM**
- Derrick Alston, Boise State
- Quentin Grimes, Houston
- Isaiah Stewart, Washington
- Moses Wright, Georgia Tech

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**
- Fabian White, Jr., Houston

**CONSOLATION**
- Boise State 85

**SEVENTH**
- Ball State 61

**FIFTH**
- Boise State 72

**THIRD**
- Georgia Tech 70

**CHAMPIONSHIP**
- Houston 75

### INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

**MOST POINTS SCORED**
- Game: 41 Chase Fischer, BYU vs. New Mexico, 2015
- Tournament: 86 Buddy Hield, Oklahoma, 2015

**MOST FIELD GOALS MADE**
- Game: 13 Bryson Williams, UTEP (26 att.) vs. Hawai'i, 2019
- Tournament: 29 Isaiah Stewart, Washington (46 att.), 2019

**MOST FREE THROWS MADE**
- Game: 16 Dwain Williams, Hawai'i (18 att.) vs. Saint Mary's, 2009
- Tournament: 29 Roberto Nelson, Oregon State (31 att.), 2013

**MOST 3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE**
- Game: 9 Chase Fischer, BYU vs. New Mexico, 2015
- Tournament: 13, 4x, last Chase Fischer, BYU (29 att.), 2015; Buddy Hield, Oklahoma (22 att.)

**MOST REBOUNDS**
- Game: 17 Zigmars Raimo, Hawai'i vs. Colorado, 2018; Zena Edosomwan, Harvard vs. BYU, 2015

**MOST STEALS**
- Game: 6, Frankie Ferrari, San Francisco vs. San Diego State, 2016; Shane Larkin, Miami vs. Arizona, 2012
- Tournament: 10 Zigmars Raimo, Hawai'i 2019; Shane Larkin, Miami, 2012
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