

Bradley, Iowa State to Start 3-Year Series on ESPN2

PEORIA, Ill. -- The Bradley and Iowa State men's basketball programs today announced a three-year series, which will begin Dec. 16, 2006 at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines in the Mediacom Capital City Classic and will be televised nationally by ESPN2. The Cyclones will visit Carver Arena Dec. 1, 2007 and the series will conclude Nov. 29, 2008 when the Braves visit Iowa State.

The Mediacom Capital City Classic will be an Iowa State men's and women's basketball doubleheader, which will begin with the Cyclones women against Saint Louis, followed by the men's game. Tipoff times for the Dec. 16 event have not yet been announced.

Bradley posted a 22-11 overall record this past season, finishing 24th in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and 17th in the CBS.Sportsline.com poll, after advancing to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16. Iowa State, which will be under the first-year direction of former Northern Iowa head coach Greg McDermott, finished with a 16-14 record in 2005-06 and the Cyclones were part of a four-way tie for seventh in the Big 12 Conference standings with a 6-10 league record.

The Braves own a 6-4 all-time record versus Iowa State, but the two teams have not met since Dec. 18, 1988 at the Phenix Ball in Tokyo, Japan, a 99-97 Iowa State victory. The teams last participated in a multi-year agreement during the mid-70s with Bradley earning a 93-72 win Dec. 3, 1974 at Robertson Field House after Iowa State took an 81-62 victory Dec. 8, 1973 in Ames.

Iowa State indicated in its release that the Mediacom Capital City Classic will not be part of the men's or women's basketball season ticket packages, but ISU season-ticket holders will have the first opportunity to reserve tickets for the games. The Wells Fargo Arena general information phone number is (515) 564-8300.

Under new NCAA legislation, men's basketball teams have the option to play as many as 31 regular-season games, which consist of 27 individual games and one exempt tournament. Teams not participating in an exempt tournament may schedule as many as 29 regular-season games. To date, Bradley has contracts signed with Tennessee Tech (Nov. 29), Iowa State, Loyola-Chicago (Dec. 19), Southern Miss (Dec. 23) and DePaul (date TBA). In addition the Braves are negotiating to participate in an exempt tournament and will be on the road for the fifth annual BracketBuster series Feb. 17. With 18 Missouri Valley Conference games to be slated by the league office this summer, Bradley has three remaining non-conference games to schedule.

2006-07 Bradley Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Oct. 20	RED-WHITE (RFH)	7:35 p.m.
Oct. 28	EXHIBITION (RFH)	7:05 p.m.
Nov. 4	EXHIBITION	7:05 p.m.

Nov. 29	at Tennessee Tech	7:05 p.m.
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Mediacom Capital City Classic (Des Moines, IA)
Dec. 16 vs. Iowa State (ESPN2) TBA

Dec. 19	LOYOLA-CHICAGO	7:05 p.m.
Dec. 23	SOUTHERN MISS	7:05 p.m.
Feb. 17	BracketBuster V	TBA

State Farm MVC Tournament (St. Louis, Mo.)
March 1 First Round (Seeds 7-10) TBA
March 2 Quarterfinals TBA
March 3 Semifinals TBA
March 4 Championship (CBS) TBA

