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BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCENARIOS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (www.BigSouthSports.com) – Seedings for the 2017 Big South Men's Basketball Championship will be announced either Saturday night, Feb. 25, or Sunday morning, Feb. 26, on the league's **@BigSouthMBB** Twitter account. While all six first round byes into the quarterfinals have been clinched -- **Winthrop, UNC Asheville, Liberty, Gardner-Webb, High Point** and **Radford**, the determination of the No. 1 seed, No. 2 seed, No. 7 seed and No. 8 seed may come down to the final step of the conference's official tiebreaking procedure -- updated RPI ratings through the results of all college basketball games played on Saturday, Feb. 25, which will be based on Jim Sukup's College Basketball RPI Report (www.rpiratings.com) published Sunday morning, Feb. 26. **The outcome of Saturday's 4:00pm Gardner-Webb at High Point game will dictate if the RPI component is needed.**

Below are the specific scenarios for such occurrences for RPI needs:

No. 1 seed RPI scenario – UNC Asheville and Winthrop tied at 15-3

- Should UNC Asheville and Winthrop tie for first-place at 15-3, the tiebreaker procedure will reach the final step of each team's RPI, **based only on the following steps and final team record scenarios:**
 - **Step 1** – Head-to-head (teams split the season series, 1-1)
 - **Step 2** – record vs. team occupying the next highest position in the final regular-season standings on down
 - Liberty at 14-4 (both teams would have finished 2-0)
 - Gardner-Webb and High Point tied at 10-8
 - **Step 2-A** – when arriving at another pair of tied teams while comparing records, **use each team's record against the collective tied teams as a group (prior to their own tiebreaking procedures)**, rather than the performance against the individual tied teams.
 - Both teams combined for 3-1 records vs. GWU & HPU – no advantage
 - Radford at 9-9 (both teams split the season series, 1-1)
 - Campbell and Charleston Southern (tied at 7-11 or 6-12)
 - **Step 2-A** – both teams combined for 4-0 records vs. CAM & CSU – no advantage
 - Campbell at 7-11 or 6-12 (both teams swept season series, 2-0)
 - Charleston Southern at 7-11 or 6-12 (both teams swept season series, 2-0)
 - Longwood at 4-14 or 3-15 (both teams swept season series, 2-0)
 - Presbyterian at 1-17 (both teams would have finished 2-0)

- **Step 2-B** – When comparing records against a single team or a group of teams, the higher winning percentage shall prevail, even if the number of games played against a team or group is unequal. – no advantage
- **Step 3** – If procedures fail to establish an advantage, the team with the highest ranking in the most recent College Basketball RPI Report will be awarded the better seed.

***** If Gardner-Webb is fourth at 11-7, no RPI component will be needed to break Winthrop-UNC Asheville tie at 15-3. Winthrop swept the season series with GWU, 2-0, while Asheville split, 1-1.**

No. 7 seed RPI scenario – Campbell and Charleston Southern tied at 6-12

- Should Campbell and Charleston Southern tie for seventh-place at 6-12, the tiebreaker procedure will reach the final step of each team's RPI **based only on the following steps AND if Gardner-Webb and High Point are tied at 10-8**:
 - **Step 1** – Head-to-head (teams split the season series, 1-1)
 - **Step 2** – record vs. team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings on down
 - Winthrop, UNC Asheville and/or Liberty – no advantage (both teams winless regardless of WU/AVL/LU final record)
 - Gardner-Webb and High Point at 10-8 –
 - **Step 2-A** – no advantage (both teams finished 1-3)
 - Radford at 9-9 – no advantage (both teams would have split season series, 1-1)
 - Longwood at 4-14 – no advantage (both teams would have split season series, 1-1)
 - Presbyterian – no advantage (both teams swept season series, 2-0)
 - **Step 2-B** – no advantage based on above
 - **Step 3** – If procedures fail to establish an advantage, the team with the highest ranking in the most recent College Basketball RPI Report will be awarded the better seed.

***** If Gardner-Webb is fourth at 11-7, no RPI component will be needed to break Campbell-Charleston Southern tie at 6-12. Campbell split the season series with GWU, 1-1, while CSU lost the series, 0-2.**

Remaining No. 1 seed Scenarios:

Winthrop – No. 1 seed with...

- Win Saturday at Presbyterian and tied with Liberty for first at 15-3 -- WU won series, 2-0
- Win Saturday at Presbyterian and tied with UNC Asheville for first at 15-3, **IF...**
 - Gardner-Webb defeats High Point to finish fourth at 11-7 --
 - WU 2-0 vs. GWU, AVL 1-1 vs. GWU

Liberty – No. 1 seed with...

- Win Saturday at UNC Asheville to finish 15-3 **AND** coupled with Winthrop loss at PC

UNC Asheville – No. 1 seed with...

- Win Saturday vs. Liberty to finish 15-3 **AND** coupled with Winthrop loss at PC

No. 2 Seed Scenarios

Liberty – No. 2 seed with...

- Win Saturday at UNC Asheville to finish tied with Winthrop for first at 15-3 – LU lost series, 0-2

Winthrop – No. 2 seed with...

- Loss Saturday at Presbyterian to finish tied with UNC Asheville for second at 14-4
 - **Step 1** – Head-to-head (teams split the season series, 1-1)
 - **Step 2** – record vs. team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings on down
 - Liberty at 15-3 (WU swept series, 2-0, AVL would have split series, 1-1)

UNC Asheville – No. 2 seed with...

- Win Saturday vs. Liberty and finish tied with Winthrop for first at 15-3, **IF...**
 - Gardner-Webb defeats High Point to finish fourth at 11-7 --
 - WU 2-0 vs. GWU, AVL 1-1 vs. GWU

No. 3 Seed Scenarios

Liberty – No. 3 seed with...

- Loss vs. UNC Asheville Saturday to finish 14-4
- Loss vs. UNC Asheville Saturday and tied with Winthrop for second at 14-4 – LU lost season series, 0-2

UNC Asheville – No. 3 seed with...

- Loss vs. Liberty Saturday to finish 14-4
- Loss vs. Liberty Saturday to finish tied with Winthrop for second at 14-4 (see above)

No. 4 Seed Scenarios

Gardner-Webb – No. 4 seed with...

- Win Saturday at High Point to finish fourth at 11-7

High Point – No. 4 seed with...

- Win Saturday vs. Gardner-Webb to finish tied with GWU for fourth at 10-8 – HPU would have swept series, 2-0

No. 5 Seed Scenarios

Gardner-Webb – No. 5 seed with...

- Loss at High Point Saturday to finish tied with HPU for fourth at 10-8 – GWU would have lost series, 0-2

High Point – No. 5 seed with...

- Loss vs. Gardner-Webb to finish fifth at 9-9 coupled with Radford loss at Campbell

Radford – No. 5 seed with...

- Win at Campbell and finish tied with High Point for fifth at 9-9
 - **Step 1** – Head-to-head (teams split the season series, 1-1)
 - **Step 2** – record vs. team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings on down
 - Asheville/Winthrop tied for first at 15-3
 - **Step 2-A** – RAD combined 2-2, HPU combined 1-3 – advantage Radford
 - Winthrop/Liberty tied for first at 15-3
 - **Step 2-A** – both teams finished 1-3
 - Move to Asheville – RAD split series, 1-1, HPU lost series, 0-2 – advantage RAD
 - Liberty first at 15-3 – no advantage, move to Asheville/Winthrop
 - **Step 2-A** – RAD combined 2-2, HPU combined 1-3 – advantage Radford

No. 6 Seed Scenarios

High Point – No. 6 seed with...

- Loss to Gardner-Webb to finish tied with Radford for fifth at 9-9 (see Radford above)

Radford – No. 6 seed with...

- Loss at Campbell to finish sixth at 8-10

No. 7 Seed Scenarios

Campbell – No. 7 seed with...

- Win vs. Radford Saturday coupled with Charleston Southern loss
- Win vs. Radford Saturday and tied with Charleston Southern for seventh at **7-11**
 - **Step 1** – Head-to-head (teams split the season series, 1-1)
 - **Step 2** – record vs. team occupying the highest position in the final regular-season standings on down
 - Winthrop, UNC Asheville and/or Liberty – no advantage (both teams winless regardless of WU/AVL/LU final record)
 - Gardner-Webb finishes fourth at 11-7 (CAM split season series, 1-1, CSU lost series, 0-2)

OR

- Gardner-Webb and High Point tie for fourth at 10-8 –
 - **Step 2-A** – no advantage (both teams finished 1-3)
- Radford sixth at 8-10 (CAM would have swept series, 2-0; CSU split, 1-1)

Charleston Southern – No. 7 seed with...

- Win vs. Longwood Saturday coupled with Campbell loss

No. 8 Seed Scenarios

Campbell – No. 8 seed with...

- Loss vs. Radford Saturday coupled with Charleston Southern win

Charleston Southern – No. 8 seed with...

- Loss at Longwood Saturday coupled with Campbell win

No. 9 Seed – Longwood

No. 10 Seed – Presbyterian College

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