



Florida State, LMU, Missouri, SMU Headline The 2021 Jacksonville Classic

Jacksonville, FL - Eight teams will compete in two brackets, November 21 and 22, in Jacksonville Florida, at UNF Arena on the campus of the University of North Florida.

In the **Duval Bracket**, Florida State (ACC) will take on Loyola Marymount (WCC) in one semifinal matchup while Missouri (SEC) will face SMU (AAC) in the other semifinal. In the **Jax Bracket**, Boston (Patriot) will battle Northern Illinois (MAC), and Sam Houston State(WAC) will face Arkansas Little Rock(Sun Belt).

To purchase event tickets, visit www.jacksonvilleclassic.com. Game times and television assignments will be announced at a later date.

After advancing to at least the sweet 16 for the third straight year, the all-time winningest coach in Florida State history, Leonard Hamilton, brings his Seminole's to Duval County. They will take on the West Coast Conference's resurgent LMU Lions. Missouri arrives in Jacksonville coming off a second NCAA Tournament appearance in the past four seasons. Cuonzo Martin's team spent 11 consecutive weeks in the AP Top 25 poll this past season and will test their group against an SMU team that went to the NIT last season. SMU is expected to compete at the top of the AAC, this year.

On campus first-round games will be played November 17 when UALR visits LMU. November 18, NIU heads to Columbia to take on Missouri. November 24 will see Florida State host Boston U, and SMU host SHSU.

This will be the first year of the brand-new Jacksonville Classic tournament hosted at UNF Arena. The highly anticipated event will bring major college programs to the great city of Jacksonville, for a tremendous, early basketball season experience.

For updated tournament and ticket information visit www.jacksonvilleclassic.com or follow on social media @jaxclassicmbb.