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No. 8 FIU BVB Gears Up for Premier Event of the Year on South Beach

MIAMI (March 19, 2019) – Despite it being just a few days away, the No. 8 FIU beach volleyball team is gearing up and getting ready to host one of the premier collegiate beach volleyball tournaments in the nation, the 2019 Surf-N-Turf Classic, March 29-30, at the Lummus Park Beach Courts on South Beach. The event is free and open to the public.

"Our Surf-N-Turf Classic has become one of the most prestigious and largest tournaments in our sport," said FIU beach volleyball Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett. "This year we are hosting some of the top teams in the country, teams that are ranked throughout the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) Top 20. It is a very important weekend for us and the other teams. In addition, our event team does a great job to make the area look like a beach volleyball village, and it's a great experience for all of the student-athletes and coaches."

The Classic, in its seventh season, will feature nine teams that are either ranked or getting votes in the week four AVCA Top 20 poll, including five teams in the top 10 (No. 1 UCLA, No. 3 Florida State, No. 4 LSU, No. 8 FIU and No. 10 Stetson). In addition to being the top-ranked team in the country, UCLA is also the defending NCAA National Champions and the defending champion of the 2018 Surf N Turf. The Bruins will face Florida State at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 30, in what will be a rematch of the 2018 National Championship Dual.

In addition to FIU, UCLA, Florida State, LSU and Stetson, other teams competing are: No. 15 Florida Atlantic, No. 16 Grand Canyon, No. 20 TCU, and Tulane who is receiving votes for the Top 20 poll.

The Panthers, 8-5 overall and 3-0 in the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA), come into the Surf-N-Turf Classic with a 21-8 record all-time in the event. On Friday, the Panthers will face Stetson at 10:00 am, Grand Canyon at 2:00 pm, and LSU at 4:00 pm and on Saturday they will face Tulane at 9:00 am, FSU at 1:00 pm and top ranked UCLA at 4:00 pm.

Last season, the Panthers posted a 23-12 record, and a 7-3 mark in CCSA play, advancing to their first-ever NCAA Championships in Gulf Shores, Alabama. FIU finished the year ranked No. 9 in the final AVCA poll, and No. 10 in the final DiG Magazine rankings.

2019 FIU Surf N Turf Beach Volleyball Tournament Schedule

Friday, March 29, 2019	Saturday, March 30, 2019
8:00 AM FSU vs GCU	8:00 AM LSU vs GCU
9:00 AM LSU vs UCLA	9:00 AM FIU vs Tulane
10:00 AM FIU vs Stetson	10:00 AM FAU vs GCU
11:00 AM FAU vs TCU	11:00 AM FSU vs UCLA
12:00 PM FSU vs Tulane	12:00 PM Stetson vs TCU
1:00 PM LSU vs Stetson	1:00 PM FIU vs FSU
2:00 PM FIU vs GCU	2:00 PM TCU vs Tulane
3:00 PM UCLA vs Stetson	3:00 PM FAU vs LSU
4:00 PM FIU vs LSU	4:00 PM FIU vs UCLA
5:00 PM TCU vs GCU	5:00 PM Stetson vs Tulane
6:00 PM FAU vs Tulane	





