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STANFORD EARNS NCAA AT-LARGE BID, DRAWS DUKE IN FIRST ROUND

STANFORD, Calif. – Back in the NCAA Tournament for the 11th time in school history and making its fourth appearance in the last five years, Stanford (17-3) will square off against Duke (13-7) when opening-round action gets underway this weekend.

The game will be played on Nov. 12 at the Powhatan Sports Complex in Norfolk, Va., where CAA Champion Old Dominion (20-2), the tournament's No. 2 seed, will serve as the host institution and face 15th-seeded Ohio State (12-8) in the first round. Game times for the first round have yet to be determined.

The winners of both contests will meet on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. with the winner advancing to the NCAA Final Four at Trager Stadium in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 18-20.

The Cardinal's at-large bid is a first for the program and the NorPac Conference. Despite suffering a defeat in the NorPac Championship game, Stanford earned this bid behind their most current RPI rank of No. 7, which shot as high as No. 4 earlier in the season. The Cardinal boasted six top-20 wins and an impressive 9-2 record away from the Varsity Turf.

Stanford was awarded the tournament's No. 7 seed, and will serve as the higher seed for the first time in school history. Duke has been tabbed the No. 10 seed.

The latest edition of the Kookaburra/NFHCA National Coaches poll shows Duke ranked No. 6 and Stanford at No. 10. Old Dominion is No. 2 and Ohio State is No. 15.

Information provided by Stanford Athletics