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## **The Basketball Tournament (TBT) Releases Field and Matchups for West Virginia Regional**

### ***Featured teams Best Virginia and Herd That Set for Potential Third Round Matchup***

**CHARLESTON, W.Va., June 21, 2021** – The Basketball Tournament (TBT) – the \$1 million, winner-take-all summer basketball event broadcast live on ESPN networks – today announced the bracket for this year’s tournament.

Best Virginia (West Virginia alumni) and Herd That (Marshall alumni) will serve as the featured team for one of four regionals, and welcome 14 other teams that will compete for the chance to advance. The games, which will take place July 17-21, will be played at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center.

Eight quarterfinalists will advance to Championship Weekend at UD Arena in Dayton, Ohio, culminating with a million-dollar, winner-take-all championship game August 3.

Best Virginia, the second seed in the West Virginia Regional, is organized by former West Virginia star John Flowers. Flowers will also play for the team. Former Mountaineer and Charleston native James Long (2014-17) will serve as the team’s head coach. Best Virginia’s current roster includes:

- Alex Ruoff (2005-09)
- John Flowers (2007-11)
- Kevin Jones (2008-12)
- Juwan Staten (2012-15)
- Nathan Adrian (2013-17)

- Jaysean Paige (2014-16)
- Jonathan Holton (2014-16)
- Tarik Phillip (2014-17)
- Teyvon Myers (2015-17)
- Sagaba Konate (2016-19)
- Chase Harler (2016-20)
- Logan Routt (2015-20)

The third-seeded Herd That is organized by former Marshall players Ot & Jon Elmore. Their father and former VMI star, Gay Elmore, will once again serve as the team's head coach.

Herd That's roster includes:

- Stevie Browning (2015-17)
- Ot Elmore (2016-19)
- Jon Elmore (2016-19)
- Rondale Watson (2017-19)
- James Kelly (2015-16)
- JaCorey Williams (Middle Tennessee State)
- Ronald Delph (Florida Atlantic)
- Derek Cooke (Wyoming)
- Darin Johnson (Washington/Cal State Northridge)

#2 Best Virginia will face #15 seed WoCo Showtime (Wofford alumni) at 2 pm ET on Saturday, July 17. If Best Virginia wins that game, they will play the winner of #7 seed D2 vs. #10 seed Bleed Virginia Monday, July 19 at 9 pm ET.

#3 Herd That will face #14 seed Team DRC Saturday, July 17 at 12 pm ET. If Herd That wins that game, they will play the winner of #6 seed Team 23 vs. #11 seed Fort Wayne Champs Monday, July 19 at 7 pm ET.

Provided Best Virginia and Herd That win their first two games, the two teams would face off Wednesday, July 21 at 9 pm ET, with the winner advancing to Dayton.

The top seed in the West Virginia Regional is held by Sideline Cancer, the runner-up in last year's TBT. Other alumni teams in the region include War Ready (Auburn alumni), Bucketneers (East Tennessee State alumni), both of whom play each other Sunday, July 18 at 12 pm ET, and the Founding Fathers (James Madison alumni).

The full TBT 2021 schedule is as follows:

#### Regional Host Cities

- Wichita, Kan. – headlined by AfterShocks (Wichita State) – July 16-20
- Charleston, W.Va. – headlined by Best Virginia (West Virginia) and Herd That (Marshall) – July 17-21

- Columbus, Ohio – headlined by Carmen’s Crew (Ohio State) and Red Scare (Dayton) – July 23-27
- Peoria, Ill. – headlined by House of ‘Paign (Illinois) and Always a Brave (Bradley) – July 24-28

#### Championship Weekend in Dayton

- Quarterfinals – Saturday, July 31
- Semifinals – Sunday, Aug. 1
- \$1 Million, Winner-Take-All Championship – Tuesday, Aug. 3

Game information for the West Virginia Regional is as follows:

#### **First Round**

- G1 - Saturday, July 17 – 12 pm Eastern – (3) Herd That vs. (14) Team DRC  
 G2 - Saturday, July 17 – 2 pm Eastern – (2) Best Virginia vs. (15) WoCo Showtime  
 G3 - Saturday, July 17 – 5 pm Eastern – (6) Team 23 vs. (11) Georgia Kingz  
 G4 - Saturday, July 17 – 7 pm Eastern – (7) D2 vs. (10) Bleed Virginia  
 G5 - Sunday, July 18 – 12 pm Eastern – (5) War Ready vs. (12) Bucketneers  
 G6 - Sunday, July 18 – 2 pm Eastern – (4) Armored Athlete vs. (13) HBCUnited  
 G7 - Sunday, July 18 – 5 pm Eastern – (1) Sideline Cancer vs. (16) Founding Fathers  
 G8 - Sunday, July 18 – 7 pm Eastern – (8) PrimeTime Players vs. 9 Fort Wayne Champs

#### **Second Round**

- G9 - Monday, July 19 – 2 pm Eastern – War Ready/Bucketneers vs. Armored Athlete/HBCUnited  
 G10 - Monday, July 19 – 4 pm Eastern – Sideline Cancer/Founding Fathers vs. PrimeTime Players/Fort Wayne Champs  
 G11 - Monday, July 19 – 7 pm Eastern – Herd That/Team DRC vs. Team 23/Georgia Kingz  
 G12 - Monday, July 19 – 9 pm Eastern – Best Virginia/WoCo Showtime vs. D2/Bleed Virginia

#### **Third Round**

- G13 - Wednesday, July 21 – 7 pm Eastern – Game 9 Winner vs. Game 10 Winner  
 G14 - Wednesday, July 21 – 9 pm Eastern – Game 11 Winner vs. Game 12 Winner

Tickets for all TBT game days and events are on sale now at [www.thetournament.com](http://www.thetournament.com). For more information, please contact [info@thetournament.com](mailto:info@thetournament.com).

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