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**2023 HOLIDAY HOOPFEST FIELD AND MATCHUPS ANNOUNCED**

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**PRINCETON, N.J. –** Saint Joseph’s, Iona, Towson, and Bryant will compete in the 2023 [Holiday Hoopfest](https://holidayhoopfest.net/) at UBS Arena at Belmont Park, located 30 minutes from Penn Station or Grand Central via LIRR, on December 16th, 2023.

**Saint Joseph’s –** *Head Coach: Billy Lange (Atlantic 10)*

The Hawks come off their best season under Billy Lange, finishing 16-17 overall. All Conference guard Erik Reynolds II returns to Hawk Hill where he led the team in three pointers made (99) and points per game (19.6). He ranks among the top-15 returning scorers in the nation heading into 2023-24.

**Iona** – *Head Coach: Tobin Anderson (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference)*

Iona recently hired Tobin Anderson, who led Fairleigh Dickinson to the second-ever 16-seed-over-1-seed victory in NCAA Tournament history during his inaugural Division I coaching season last March. The leadership change in New Rochelle has sparked a restocking of the Gaels' roster with Anderson bringing in 11 newcomers in support of the program's lone returner, Osborn Shema.

**Towson** – *Head Coach: Pat Skerry (Coastal Athletic Association)*

The Tigers come off back-to-back twenty plus win seasons including a first-place finish in the CAA and birth to the NIT in 2021-22. Two-time All-CAA forward Charles Thompson returns, averaging 12.2 points and eight rebounds a game last season.

**Bryant** – *Head Coach: Jared Grasso (American East Conference)*

Head Coach Jared Grasso led the Bulldogs to a 17-13 record in their first year in the America East Conference. In 2021-22 he led Bryant to their first ever NCAA Tournament appearance.

**Below are the matchups for the event:**

**Saturday, December 16**

Saint Joseph’s vs. Iona

Towson vs. Bryant

Television coverage, additional games, and the public on-sale date for tickets will be announced at a later date.

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UBS Arena is at the forefront of sustainability, being awarded LEED Green Building Certification in January 2023. The venue also achieved carbon neutrality for operations in Fall 2022 which made it the first arena to do so on the eastern United States seaboard. For more information on the venue’s sustainability efforts, please visit [UBSArena.com/sustainability](http://ubsarena.com/sustainability).

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