## PBS Guam to air UOG hoops games

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The University of Guam Triton Athletics and PBS Guam are partnering to bring basketball to television on Guam, Saipan, Rota and Tinian in the fall of 2019.

According to a news release, the Triton Men's Basketball League will have 11 games featured on the PBS Guam Channel 12 for the Game of the

"This is a new level of coverage for Triton Athletics and basketball in general on Guam," said UOG Athletics Director Doug Palmer. "By what I have been told, there has been no live basketball games on television for Guam since the 1980s. It will showcase some of the best basketball that the island can see and now they can view it from the comfort of their living room."

"PBS Guam is excited to partner with the University of Guam's Triton Athletics department to produce and broadcast live basketball starting in October with the Triton Men's Basketball League," said Ina Carillo, station manager for PBS Guam. "We are proud to add live local sports to our current programming line-up and look forward to working with other sport leagues on island to do the same."

The league will tip-off Oct. 14th with the first Game of the Week. It will feature six teams, including perennial Guam basketball power the Andersen KFC Bombers. A ll games will be played in the UOG Calvo Field House.

'We have invited several other teams to play but we are also interested in picking up some new blood for the league as well," Palmer said.

Leo Payumo will be the play-byplay announcer and UOG is looking for a color announcer.

PBS Guam will receive a modest payment, plus some dates to host events at the field house and soccer field, plus signage in the field house main arena and lobby, as well as naming rights to a women's basketball league to start in September, the release stated.



In this file photo, The University of Guam's Logan Hopkins shoots over a couple of the Andersen Bombers. The Triton Men's Basketball League will have 11 games featured on the PBS Guam starting in September. COURTESY OF VICTOR CONSAGA/UOG SPORTS

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"I always preach to them, 'One point at a time. Let the other team make the mistakes."

The Friars' undefeated record speaks for itself, and they have no shortage of powerhouses. Brandon

Soriano, Jeremiah Nguyen, Elijah Garrido, Brian Anderson and Noah Diaz can all put the ball down; and by the way, Pangelinan is a lefty, giving the Friars another kill option on passes close to the net.

Off the bench the Friars have more weapons in Tony Quinene, Richard Salas and Matthew Fegurgur, just to name a few. Pama's counterpart is the always humble Friar head coach Steve Pangelinan. 39