Hawkeyes now Bahamas bound

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The Iowa Hawkeyes will take part in the Battle 4 Atlantis during Thanksgiving weekend after originally being scheduled to play in the Great Alaska Shootout around the same time. Iowa's participation in the Bahamas tourney was <u>first reported Thursday afternoon by CBS Sports' Jeff Goodman</u> minutes after the Great Alaska Shootout announced <u>UW-Green Bay had taken the Hawkeyes' place</u> in their tourney.

The Battle 4 Atlantis is a three-day tourney that starts Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving Day) and takes place at the Atlantis Resorts located in Paradise Island. Joining the Hawkeyes down there will be Kansas, Tennessee, USC, UTEP, Villanova, Wake Forest and Xavier. Iowa took a spot in the tourney field left vacant by Michigan State after the Spartans chose to instead play in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Of these teams, only Kansas and Villanova made the NCAA Tournament this past season. Villanova lost in the second round to North Carolina, while Kansas lost in overtime to Michigan in the Sweet 16. Tennessee was in the NIT along with Iowa, but lost its first round game to Mercer.

No bracket has been revealed yet for the Battle 4 Atlantis. Minnesota and Northern Iowa both participated in last season's tourney, which was won by Duke and also featured last season's national champion, Louisville.

In addition to these three games, the Hawkeyes' non-conference schedule currently consists of a home game against Nebraska-Omaha, a road game at Iowa State and a contest against Drake in the 2013 Big Four Classic at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Iowa will also have a game (likely at Carver-Hawkeye

Arena) that is part of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.