Highlighted by 12 home games and contests against four NCAA Tournament participants, Appalachian State University men's basketball released its 2010-11 schedule on Wednesday.Following a November 4 exhibition against Lees-McRae, the Mountaineers open the season at Tulsa on Nov. 12, marking the third time in four seasons the Apps will open the year away from the Holmes Center. Appalachian returns home briefly to host Montreat in the home opener on Nov. 16. Following that game, the squad takes its longest road trip of the season to play six games spanning more than three weeks. The tough stretch opens at NIT participant Mississippi State (Nov. 19) before a Nov. 23 rematch with last year's BracketBuster opponent, Tennessee Tech. While in middle Tennessee, the Apps will challenge Vanderbilt (Nov. 27) as a final tuneup for conference play.

The Mountaineers open their SoCon North title defense at Chattanooga on December 2 and Samford (Dec. 4) in the only league play before the new year. The road swing closes with a game at Big East powerhouse Georgetown on Dec. 12.

After a break for final exams, the Mountaineers host Northeast Conference champion Robert Morris on Dec. 18. ASU then leaves the country for the Cancun Governor's Cup on Dec. 22-24. The Mountaineers will play three games in a three-day stretch, beginning with 2010 CBI participant Colorado State in the opening game of the tournament.

Upon returning from the holiday trip, the Black and Gold host Milligan on Dec. 30 before diving into SoCon play and the new year. League play begins in earnest on Jan. 5, as the Apps visit Davidson.

The squad hosts its first SoCon home games of the season as Georgia Southern (Jan. 8) and UNC Greensboro (Jan. 13) visit the High Country.

Head coach Jason Capel's squad then travels to Western Carolina on Jan. 15 before hosting Elon in the season's lone Monday contest two days later.

From there, the Apps' next three games mirror the team's road to the 2010 SoCon title game. ASU travels to The Citadel (Jan. 20) and College of Charleston (Jan. 22) before returning home

to host Wofford on Jan. 27 in a league championship rematch.

ASU then plays its final three road conference games at Furman (Jan. 29), UNC Greensboro (Feb. 3) and Elon (Feb. 5) before hosting a trio of division rivals.

Samford heads to Boone on Feb. 10, followed by Chattanooga on Feb. 12 and Western Carolina on Feb. 17. The Catamounts have not won a game at the Holmes Center since 2003-04.

For a fifth-straight year, the Mountaineers are competing in the ESPNU BracketBusters event. ASU will travel for the Feb. 19 game after the pairings are announced earlier in the month.

The regular season wraps up at home with visits from College of Charleston (Feb. 24) and The Citadel (Feb. 26) before Appalachian heads to Chattanooga for the Southern Conference Championship on March 4-7 at McKenzie Arena.

For the next month, fans can take advantage of a special Fast Break discount on 2010-11 season tickets. Packages for Appalachian men's and women's basketball games at the Holmes Center can be purchased for just $75 — half the price of season tickets purchased after Sept. 17.

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2010-11 Appalachian State Men's Basketball Schedule
Date Opponent Location Time
Nov. 4 LEES-McRAE (Exhibition) Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.

Nov. 12 at Tulsa Tulsa, Okla. 8 p.m.
Nov. 16 MONTREAT Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Nov. 19 at Mississippi State Starkville, Miss. 8 p.m.
Nov. 23 at Tennessee Tech Cookeville, Tenn. 7 p.m.
Nov. 27 at Vanderbilt Nashville, Tenn. TBA
Dec. 2 at Chattanooga * Chattanooga, Tenn. 7 p.m.
Dec. 4 at Samford * Birmingham, Ala. 4 p.m.
Dec. 12 at Georgetown Washington, D.C. Noon
Dec. 18 ROBERT MORRIS Boone, N.C. TBA
Dec. 22 vs. Colorado St. Cancun, Mexico 8:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 vs. Mississippi/Texas State Cancun, Mexico 7/9:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 vs. TBA Cancun, Mexico TBA
Dec. 30 MILLIGAN Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Jan. 5 at Davidson * Davidson, N.C. 7 p.m.
Jan. 8 GEORGIA SOUTHERN * Boone, N.C. 2 p.m.
Jan. 13 UNC GREENSBORO * Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Jan. 15 at Western Carolina * Cullowhee, N.C. 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 ELON * Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Jan. 20 at The Citadel * Charleston, S.C. 7 p.m.
Jan. 22 at College of Charleston * Charleston, S.C. 4 p.m.
Jan. 27 WOFFORD * Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Jan. 29 at Furman * Greenville, S.C. 4 p.m.
Feb. 3 at UNC Greensboro * Greensboro, N.C. 7 p.m.
Feb. 5 at Elon * Elon, N.C. 7 p.m.
Feb. 10 SAMFORD * Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 CHATTANOOGA * Boone, N.C. 2 p.m.
Feb. 17 WESTERN CAROLINA * Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Feb. 19 at ESPNU BracketBusters TBA TBA
Feb. 24 COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON * Boone, N.C. 7 p.m.
Feb. 26 THE CITADEL * Boone, N.C. 2 p.m.
March 5-8 at SoCon Tournament TBA

* Southern Conference Game
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