

Capel Announces Men's Basketball Schedule

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Highlighted by 14 games in the Holmes Center and a showdown against in-state rival East Carolina in Charlotte's Time Warner Cable Arena, Appalachian State University head men's basketball coach Jason Capel released the Mountaineers' 2011-12 schedule on Wednesday.

In a stark contrast with the 2010-11 road-heavy non-conference schedule, the Mountaineers open the season at home against Lees-McRae on Nov. 11 and play six home games in the season's first six weeks. Following the opener, the squad makes a two-game Volunteer State road trip to East Tennessee State (Nov. 15) and Tennessee Tech (Nov. 19). ASU returns to host in-state rival East Carolina in Charlotte on Nov. 22. and hosts Milligan (Nov. 26) before opening Southern Conference play with a visit from UNC Greensboro on December 1. The Apps close out December's taste of league play at Georgia Southern two days later. The Mountaineers travel to Minnesota on Dec. 6 for the second meeting between the programs before hosting a return game from ETSU on Dec. 10. The Apps then take on defending ACC champion North Carolina on Dec. 17 in Chapel Hill in a matchup that pits Capel against his alma mater in the programs' first meeting since the inaugural game at the Holmes Center in 2000. It is the fifth all-time meeting between the squads. Appalachian hosts Campbell on Dec. 22 and closes out the calendar year and the bulk of non-conference competition with a Dec. 30 game at Miami (Fla.). January begins with the squad's final trip away from the Carolinas to face division rivals Samford (Jan. 5) and Chattanooga (Jan. 7). As the spring semester begins, ASU hosts Furman (Jan. 12) and Davidson (Jan. 14) before taking on defending SoCon champion Wofford in Spartanburg, S.C. in a rematch of last season's SoCon quarterfinal. ASU plays nine of its final 15 regular-season games at home, including a visit from Western Carolina on Jan. 21. ASU's second meeting with UNCG comes at the Greensboro Coliseum on Jan. 26, prior to a three-game homestand, including Elon (Jan. 28), Samford (February 2) and College of Charleston (Feb. 4). The Mountaineers travel to Elon (Feb. 6) and Furman (Feb. 9) before returning home for another three-game stay. Appalachian hosts Wofford (Feb. 11) and Chattanooga (Feb. 15) before seeking a third-straight ESPNU BracketBuster win on Feb. 18. For the first time since 2006-07, the Apps close out the regular season on the road with trips to The Citadel (Feb. 22) and Western Carolina (Feb. 25) before heading to the Southern Conference Championship on March 2-5 in Asheville, N.C. Capel's Mountaineers return four starters from 2010-11's squad, including the SoCon's top returning scorer, Omar Carter (Charlotte, N.C./Charleston Southern). Game times and television arrangements will be announced once they are finalized. Season tickets for the 2011-12 campaign go on sale later this summer.

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Nov. 3 Lenoir-Rhyne (Exhibition) 7 p.m.
Nov. 11 Lees-McRae 7 p.m.
Nov. 15 at East Tennessee State
Nov. 19 at Tennessee Tech
Nov. 22 vs. East Carolina ^ 7 p.m.
Nov. 26 Milligan TBA
Dec. 1 UNC Greensboro * 7 p.m.
Dec. 3 at Georgia Southern *
Dec. 6 at Minnesota 8 p.m.
Dec. 10 East Tennessee State TBA
Dec. 17 at North Carolina TBA
Dec. 22 Campbell 7 p.m.
Dec. 30 at Miami (Fla.) 7 p.m.
Jan. 5 at Samford * 8 p.m.
Jan. 7 at Chattanooga * TBA
Jan. 12 Furman * 7 p.m.
Jan. 14 Davidson * 2 p.m.
Jan. 19 at Wofford * 7 p.m.
Jan. 21 Western Carolina * 2 p.m.
Jan. 26 at UNC Greensboro * 7 p.m.
Jan. 28 Elon * 2 p.m.
Feb. 2 Samford * 7 p.m.
Feb. 4 College of Charleston * 2 p.m.
Feb. 6 at Elon * 7 p.m.
Feb. 9 at Furman * 7 p.m.
Feb. 11 Wofford * 2 p.m.
Feb. 15 Chattanooga * 7 p.m.
Feb. 18 ESPNU Bracketbusters TBA
Feb. 22 at The Citadel * 7 p.m.
Feb. 25 at Western Carolina * TBA
March 2-5 Southern Conference Championship & The league tournament returns to Asheville for the first time since 1995.

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^ - at Time Warner Cable Arena (Charlotte, N.C.)

*** - Southern Conference Game**

& - at Asheville, N.C.

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