

ASU Men's Tennis Releases 2013-14 Schedule

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Appalachian State University men's tennis coach Bob Lake announced his 2013-14 schedule on Thursday. The Mountaineers will host five home matches, while

facing top-ranked Southern Conference opponent Elon and defending champion Samford on the road.

"The schedule is again very tough with four teams that made the final 64 NCAA field. Included are NC State, ETSU, Coastal Carolina and UNCW. We have not played NC State since 2001, and have not played Coastal Carolina in my 14 years at App," said Lake.

Four players return from last year's team (6-15, 3-7 SoCon), including senior Matt Saltgaver, sophomore Jan-Willem Kleynhans, and all-SoCon doubles pair Sebastien King and Zach Bost. Despite a tough run last season, Coach Lake remains positive, "it is our final year in SoCon, and with the new players coming in I am looking forward to compete up top in an always very tough conference. New players include Daniel Hoang (Canada), Ollie Casey (Australia), Eric Greene and Chris Mahan— both from North Carolina."

The Mountaineers will ready for spring competition with four fall tournaments. Appalachian opens play at the Davidson Tournament on October 4 and 5, followed by the Wofford Tournament on Oct. 12-13. North Carolina will host the NCAA ITA Regionals from Oct. 17-20, and the Apps will wrap up fall preparation at the Charleston Tournament on Nov. 1-3.

The Apps will begin their spring campaign on January 19 against defending Colonial Athletic Association champion UNC Wilmington, followed by a trip to East Tennessee State on Jan. 25. Appalachian will host its first home match against in-state rival UNC Asheville on February 16 before kicking off an eight-match road slate with a weekend trip to include Coastal Carolina on February 21 and Richmond on Feb. 22.

From there, the Black & Gold will open league play against reigning SoCon champion Samford on March 2 in Birmingham, Alabama. The Mountaineers will seek redemption after falling just short of a win against the No. 74-ranked Bulldogs in a 4-3 neck-and-neck match last season. Appalachian will then head to Raleigh on March 7, where they will take on NC State in their final competition before spring break.

App continues road play with four non-conference opponents, including spring break matchups against Stetson, Bethune Cookman, and Florida A&M (March 12-14) in Daytona Beach, followed by trips to Charlotte (March 18) and Gardner-Webb (March 21).

Road appointments at Georgia Southern and Davidson will test the Apps in late March before the Citadel visits Boone on March 29.

The Mountaineers will get a final tune-up against non-conference opponent Presbyterian on April 1 before entering conference play in full-swing beginning with league rival Furman (April 3).

Appalachian will then head to Greensboro to face UNCG on April 5 before hosting its final two home conference matches with Chattanooga on April 6 followed by Wofford on April 8.

The regular-season concludes against SoCon tournament finalist Elon on April 9.

The 2013 Southern Conference Championship Tournament will be held Thurs., April 17, through Sunday, April 20 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Fri, Oct 04 Davidson Tournament Davidson, N.C. TBA
Sat, Oct 12 Wofford Tournament at Spartanburg, S.C. TBA
Thu, Oct 17 NCAA ITA Regionals at Chapel Hill, N.C. TBA
Fri, Nov 01 Charleston Tournament at Charleston, S.C. TBA
Sun, Jan 19 UNCW at Wilmington, N.C. 11 a.m.
Sat, Jan 25 ETSU at Johnson City, Tenn. TBA
Sun, Feb 16 UNCA BOONE, N.C. 1 p.m.
Fri, Feb 21 Coastal Carolina at Conway, S.C. Noon
Sat, Feb 22 Richmond at Conway, S.C. Noon
Sun, Mar 02 Samford * at Birmingham, Ala. Noon
Fri, Mar 07 NC State at Raleigh, N.C. Noon
Wed, Mar 12 Stetson at Daytona Beach, Fla. 2:30 p.m.
Thu, Mar 13 Bethune Cookman at Daytona Beach, Fla. 1 p.m.
Fri, Mar 14 Florida A&M at Daytona Beach, Fla. 1 p.m.
Tue, Mar 18 UNCC at Charlotte, N.C. 2:30 p.m.
Fri, Mar 21 Gardner-Webb at Boiling Springs, N.C. 2 p.m.
Sun, Mar 23 Georgia Southern * at Statesboro, Ga. 1 p.m.
Wed, Mar 26 Davidson * at Davidson, N.C. 3 p.m.
Sat, Mar 29 The Citadel * BOONE, N.C. 1 p.m.
Tue, Apr 01 Presbyterian at Clinton, S.C. 2:30 p.m.
Thu, Apr 03 Furman * BOONE, N.C. 2:30 p.m.
Sat, Apr 05 UNCG * at Greensboro, N.C. Noon
Sun, Apr 06 Chattanooga * BOONE, N.C. 1 p.m.
Tue, Apr 08 Wofford * BOONE, N.C. 2:30 p.m.
Wed, Apr 09 Elon * at Elon, N.C. 2:30 p.m.
Thu, Apr 17 SoCon Tennis Championships at Chattanooga, Tenn. TBA

* Conference Games