

ASU Reveals 2013-14 Men's Hoops Schedule

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Appalachian State University men's basketball head coach Jason Capel announced his squad's schedule for the upcoming 2013-14 season on Monday. The schedule is highlighted by 15 home games and non-conference trips to Cincinnati, Georgia and NC State.

The Mountaineers face five teams in 2013-14 that advanced to the postseason last season, including three NCAA Tournament participants (Cincinnati, NC State and Davidson).

Additionally, five Appalachian State opponents (Cincy, Davidson, Elon, NC State and North Carolina Central) won 20 or more games a season ago.

Appalachian State opens the campaign at NC State on Nov. 8. The opener in Raleigh is Appalachian's 13th all-time meeting versus NC State and the first between the in-state foes since the 2005-06 season. The season-opening contest is the first of four for the Mountaineers in the Global Sports Shootout, which also features the home opener versus Campbell (Nov. 12) and Appalachian's first-ever matchups versus Cincinnati (Nov. 16) and North Carolina Central (Nov. 22), both of which will be played on the road.

The home opener versus Campbell is one of seven non-conference tilts that Appalachian hosts at the Holmes Center, highlighted by a Dec. 8 matchup versus longtime local rival Charlotte.

The meeting is the 33rd all-time between the Mountaineers and 49ers and first since the Apps topped Charlotte, 87-84, in a double-overtime thriller at the Holmes Center on Nov. 19, 2008.

Other non-conference home opponents include Lees-McRae (Nov. 19), Milligan (Dec. 1), North Greenville (Dec. 4), UMKC (Dec. 21) and Bluefield (Dec. 30). The Mountaineers wrap up the road portion of their non-conference schedule with dates at Georgia (Nov. 29), Winthrop (Dec. 15), Presbyterian (Dec. 18) and Duquesne (Jan. 2).

The Mountaineers' 16-game Southern Conference slate begins at Elon on Jan. 6. The league schedule is highlighted by a late-season three-game homestand — versus Samford (Feb. 13), Wofford (Feb. 15) and Western Carolina (Feb. 20). The home finale versus WCU marks the Mountaineers' final SoCon home game before joining the Sun Belt Conference in 2014-15.

The final SoCon matchup between traditional hoops rivals Appalachian State and Davidson on Jan. 11 headlines the road portion of the Mountaineers' conference ledger.

Appalachian's last Southern Conference Tournament is slated for March 7-10 at the U.S. Cellular Center in Asheville.

Fans can get their first glimpse of the 2013-14 Apps during the annual Black & Gold scrimmage at the Holmes Center on Oct. 23. All of Appalachian State's regular-season weekday home games are slated for 7 p.m. starts while weekend home games are scheduled for a 2 p.m. tip, with the exception of games yet-to-be-determined tipoff times versus Campbell (Nov. 12), Milligan (Dec. 1) and Charlotte (Dec. 8).

Appalachian State returns four of its top five scorers from a year ago including juniors Jay Canty (14.3 ppg), Tab Hamilton (9.2 ppg) and Mike Neal (8.8 ppg) along with senior Tevin Baskin (9.9 ppg). In all, the Mountaineers return 10 players who appeared in a game last year along with nearly 70 percent of the team's scoring output and 60 percent of its rebounds.

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Oct. 23 Black & Gold Scrimmage, TBA

The Mountaineers will host an open, intrasquad scrimmage

Nov. 8 at NC State, TBA

The Apps open the season against an ACC foe for the first time since 2000

Nov. 12 Campbell, 8 p.m.

Appalachian looks to win its home opener for the sixth-straight season

Nov. 16 at Cincinnati, TBA

The Mountaineers and Bearcats meet on the hardwood for the first time

Nov. 19 Lees-McRae, 7 p.m.

App State is 5-0 all-time against the Bobcats

Nov. 22 at North Carolina Central, 7 p.m.

Appalachian plays NCCU for the first time in program history

Nov. 29 at Georgia, TBA

The teams meet for the first time since Dec. 2, 2002 - UGA is 4-0 in the all-time series

Dec. 1 Milligan, TBA

The Mountaineers hold a seven-game winning streak over the Buffaloes

Dec. 4 North Greenville, 7 p.m.

App State is 2-0 all-time against North Greenville - the teams last met on Nov. 13, 2006

Dec. 8 Charlotte, TBA

The Mountaineers picked up an 87-84 overtime win when the teams met in 2008-09

Dec. 15 at Winthrop, 2 p.m.

The Apps travel to Rock Hill as a return for the 2012 Sears Bracketbuster game

Dec. 18 at Presbyterian, TBA

Appalachian looks to make it eight-straight over the Blue Hose

Dec. 21 UMKC, 2 p.m.

The Mountaineers look to improve to 2-0 against the Kangaroos in the series

Dec. 30 Bluefield College, 7 p.m.

Appalachian State is 23-30 in the final game of the calendar year

Jan. 2 at Duquesne, 7 p.m.

The Mountaineers are 24-29 all-time in the first game of the calendar year

Jan. 6 at Elon*, TBA

App State opens its final SoCon campaign against a fellow departing member

Jan. 9 UNCG*, 7 p.m.

Appalachian looks to stretch its winning streak to three games against UNCG

Jan. 11 at Davidson*, TBA

The Mountaineers look to snap a four-game losing streak against the Wildcats

Jan. 16 Chattanooga*, 7 p.m.

The Apps have won six-straight at home against the Mocs

Jan. 18 Georgia Southern*, 2 p.m.

A matchup between two future Sun Belt foes

Jan. 23 at The Citadel*, TBA

The Mountaineers have dropped three-straight to the Bulldogs in Charleston

Jan. 30 at UNCG*, 7 p.m.

Appalachian shot 55.6 percent in the second half at Greensboro Coliseum last season

Feb. 1 Elon*, 2 p.m.

App State is 5-0 at home against the Phoenix since the 2007-08 campaign

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Feb. 6 The Citadel*, 7 p.m.

The Apps look to avenge an 80-77 home loss in overtime last season

Feb. 8 at Western Carolina*, TBA

The Mountaineers visit Cullowhee for the last time as a member of the SoCon

Feb. 13 Samford*, 7 p.m.

Appalachian picked up a 70-67 double-overtime win in the last meeting in Boone

Feb. 15 Wofford*, 4:30 p.m.

The Terriers have won three-straight games at the Holmes Center

Feb. 20 Western Carolina*, 7 p.m.

Appalachian State plays its final SoCon home game after 41 years in the conference

Feb. 22 at Furman*, 2 p.m.

The Mountaineers are 10-26 all-time when facing the Paladins in Greenville

Feb. 27 at Samford, TBA

The Bulldogs are just 2-3 at home against the Mountaineers

Mar. 1 at Chattanooga*, TBA

Appalachian looks to avenge last year's overtime loss at McKenzie Arena

Mar. 7-10 SoCon Championship &, TBA

The Mountaineers close out 41 years in the SoCon at the league tournament

*- Southern Conference Game

& - at Asheville, N.C.

All times Eastern and subject to change.

Please check www.appstatesports.com for the most up-to-date schedule.

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