



AUGUSTA STATE GAMEDAY UPDATE

***No. 5 seed -- BARTON Bulldogs (25-6) vs.
No. 1 seed -- No. 4 AUGUSTA STATE Jaguars (27-4)
NCAA Tournament ❖ Southeast Regional ❖ Semifinals
Sunday, March 15, 2009 ❖ 7:30 p.m.
Christenberry Fieldhouse (2,216) ❖ Augusta, Ga.***

THE FACTS ... National Ranking: No. 5 (NABC) ... **Regional Ranking:** No. 1 (Southeast Region) ... **Overall Record:** 27-4 ... **PBC Record:** 17-3 ... **Last Five Games:** 5-0 ... **Last 10 Games:** 10-0 ... **Last 15 Games:** 14-1 ... **At Home:** 12-1 ... **On The Road:** 11-3 ... **At Neutral Sites:** 2-0 ... **At Home In The PBC:** 10-0 ... **On The Road In The PBC:** 7-3 ... **Under Head Coach Dip Metress:** 112-42 (.727) ... **At Home Under Metress:** 58-9 (.866) ... **On The Road Under Metress:** 42-25 (.627) ... **At Neutral Sites Under Metress:** 10-8 (.556) ... **At Home In The PBC Under Metress:** 39-7 (.848) ... **On The Road In The PBC Under Metress:** 30-16 (.652) ... **vs. Nationally-Ranked Opponents Under Metress:** 15-7 (.682) ... **In The NCAA Tournament Under Metress:** 7-2 (.778)

LAST TIME OUT ... Top-seeded and fourth-ranked ASU survived a furious late-game charge by No. 8 seed Tusculum, winning 62-60, in the quarterfinals of the 2009 NCAA Southeast Regional on Saturday, March 14 in Christenberry Fieldhouse ... With the victory, the host Jaguars (27-4) extended their winning streak to 13 straight, matched the school record for wins in a season with 27, and advanced to its third consecutive regional semifinal ... Trailing 62-60 with 13 seconds left, Tusculum guard Jimmy Boone came up with a steal of a Fred Brathwaite pass, but his off-balance three-pointer was short with two seconds left ... ASU guard Steve Smith missed the front end of his one-and-one, but Tusculum was unable to get a quality shot off in the final 1.1 seconds after securing the rebound ... Madgen led a trio of Jaguar players in double figures with 18 points ... Garrett Siler recorded his ninth double-double of the season with 15 points and 11 rebounds, his 19th straight game with double digit scoring ... Fred Brathwaite added 16 points for the Jags.

ASU IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT ... The Jags, who are 8-6 all-time in the Big Dance, are hosting an NCAA postseason event for the third straight season ... ASU is making its sixth appearance in the NCAA Tournament and its fifth in the last nine seasons ... The Jags made one of the great postseason runs in school history last season, winning five straight NCAA Tournament games to advance to the National Championship game vs. Winona State and a national television appearance on CBS ... ASU head coach Dip Metress is 8-4 all-time in five NCAA Tournament appearances, including 7-2 during his ASU tenure.

ASU VS. BARTON ... The Jags are 2-0 all-time vs. Barton, formerly Atlantic Christian College ... ASU, led by former Peach Belt Conference commissioner Marvin Vanover, topped Atlantic Christian 59-54 during the 1981-82 season and defeated Atlantic Christian 90-61 during the 1982-83 season ... ASU head coach Dip Metress is no stranger to Barton, having faced the Bulldogs 16 times during his tenure as head coach at Belmont Abbey College ... BAC and BC are both members of the

Conference Carolinas, formerly the CVAC (Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference) ... Metress owns a 9-7 career record against Barton during his eight seasons at "The Abbey".

PRIMER ON BARTON ... Barton College, founded in 1902, is a four-year, private, liberal arts college located in Wilson, N.C., a community of 50,000 residents about 35 minutes east of the state capital, Raleigh ... In 2006, the Bulldogs went to the Elite Eight, but lost in overtime to Winona State in the 2006 national quarterfinals ... In 2007, the Barton College Bulldogs returned to the Elite Eight and won the NCAA D-II National Men's Championship in Springfield in a miraculous finish against Winona State in what was referred to as a David vs. Goliath story ... Barton's Bobby Buffaloe (then a sophomore) made an incredible last-second steal to assist Anthony Atkinson (Barton alumnus and current Harlem Globetrotter) as he scored on a buzzer beater to win the championship ... Barton's incredible finish in the 2007 national championship garnered BC second place in the Top 10 Most Dramatic Finishes in the past 25 years of NCAA history, as posted in the 2nd edition of the NCAA's *Champion* magazine ... For the fifth time in his 13 years at the Barton College helm, head coach Ron Lievense has led his team in NCAA D-II Regional competition ... Barton seniors David King, Errol Frails and Bobby Buffaloe are making their third NCAA appearance in four years.

WITH A WIN ... ASU will set a new school record with 28 wins, besting the 1969-70 and 2007-08 squads ... ASU will extend its winning streak to 14 games, matching the second-longest streak (set in the 2006-07 season) in school history ... The Jags will earn their fifth straight NCAA Tournament victory at the regional level ... The Jags will advance to an NCAA Regional Championship game and the NCAA Tournament's Sweet Sixteen for the second consecutive season ... ASU will improve to 8-2 in the NCAA Tournament under head coach Dip Metress and to 9-6 in school history in the NCAA Tournament ... ASU will improve to 8-2 under Metress in the NCAA Tournament.

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER ... With 27 wins, ASU has matched the school record for victories in a single season, equaling the 1969-70 (27-3) and 2007-08 (27-7) squads ... With 23 wins, ASU recorded the second-most regular-season victories in school history and the most since the 1969-70 season, when the Jaguars were guided by former Peach Belt Conference Commissioner Marvin Vanover ... ASU's 78 wins the last three seasons (2006-07 to present) are the most over a three-year span in school history and the most in the state of Georgia the last three seasons ... The Jags have won 22 or more games for the seventh time in school history and for the fourth time in the last nine years (2001-02: 22-8, 2006-07: 24-7, 2007-08: 27-7, 2008-09: 23-4) ... With 27 wins last season, ASU matched the school record for wins in a season, equaling the 1969-70 edition of the Jags (27-3) ... ASU's 51 combined wins in 2006-07 and 2007-08 set a new school standard for the most over a two-year span in school history (49 wins in 1970-71).

POLL POSITION ... ASU is currently ranked No. 4 in the nation ... The Jags have been ranked in all 15 national polls in 2008-09, including seven weeks in the top five and 14 weeks in the top 10 ... ASU has been ranked in 35 consecutive national polls, dating back to the 2006-07 season ... On Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, ASU vaulted up No. 3 in the nation, its highest national ranking in school history ... ASU's No. 5 preseason national ranking was the highest in school history ... The Jags were ranked in all 14 national polls during the 2007-08 season ... ASU began the 2007-08 season ranked No. 6, climbed as high as No. 5 on Nov. 26, 2007 -- which was, at the time, the highest national ranking in school history -- and finished at No. 10.

LET'S GO STREAKING ... ASU has won 13 straight games -- the third-longest streak in school history -- dating back to Monday, Feb. 2 ... Senior center Garret Siler has scored in double figures in 19 straight games ... Siler and fellow senior Steve Smith, along with junior Ben Madgen, have started in 37 straight games.

CAREER MILESTONES ... Senior center Garret Siler will be making his 103rd career start against Barton, while junior guard Ben Madgen and senior point guard Steve Smith will be opening in the 95th and 92nd games of their respective careers ... With 18 points vs. Tusculum on Saturday, March 14, Madgen moved into sixth place on the ASU career scoring list with 1,599 points, passing Darrell Holder (1976-80) ... Madgen also moved into seventh place on the Peach Belt Conference's career scoring list, passing former Armstrong Atlantic State standout Robert Campbell (1,587 points) ... With 15 points vs. Tusculum on Saturday, March 14, Siler moved into 11th place on the PBC career scoring list with 1,529 career points, passing former USC Aiken standout Kendrick Smith (1994-98).

AUGUSTA STATE HEAD COACH DIP METRESS ... is 112-42 (.727) and in his fifth season at the helm of the Jaguar program and 246-135 (.646) in his 13th season overall as a head coach ... Metress was named the fifth head coach in the program's 44-year history on May 10, 2004 ... A former Jaguar assistant from 1989-1995, Metress returned to Augusta following a highly successful eight-year stint at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C. ... In eight seasons, Metress guided the Crusaders to a 134-93 (.590) record, including a 117-56 (.676) mark the last six years ... In his last seven seasons (last three at BAC, first four at ASU), Metress is 153-61 (.715), an average of 21.9 wins per season.