



## **AUGUSTA STATE GAMEDAY UPDATE**

***No. 7 seed -- MONTEVALLO Falcons (25-7) vs.  
No. 1 seed -- No. 4 AUGUSTA STATE Jaguars (28-3)  
NCAA Tournament ❖ Southeast Regional ❖ Championship Game  
Tuesday, March 16, 2010 ❖ 7:00 p.m.  
Christenberry Fieldhouse (2,216) ❖ Augusta, Ga.***

**THE FACTS ... Final National Ranking: No. 4 (NABC) ... NCAA Regional Ranking: No. 1 (Southeast Region) ... Overall Record: 28-3 ... PBC Record: 17-1 ... PBC East Division Record: 11-1 ... Last Five Games: 4-1 ... Last 10 Games: 9-1 ... Last 15 Games: 13-2 ... At Home: 17-0 ... On The Road: 11-2 ... At Neutral Sites: 0-1 ... At Home In The PBC: 9-0 ... On The Road In The PBC: 8-1 ... Under Head Coach Dip Metress: 143-46 (.757) ... At Home Under Metress: 76-9 (.894) ... On The Road Under Metress: 54-27 (.667) ... At Neutral Sites Under Metress: 13-10 (.565) ... At Home In The PBC Under Metress: 48-7 (.873) ... On The Road In The PBC Under Metress: 38-17 (.691) ... In The Postseason Under Metress: 18-8 (.692) ... vs. Nationally-Ranked Opponents Under Metress: 20-8 (.714) ... In The NCAA Tournament Under Metress: 12-3 (.800).**

**LAST TIME OUT ...** ASU scored its most points ever in an NCAA Tournament Regional game with a 100-70 victory over Anderson on Sunday, March 14 ... Ben Madgen tallied a team-high 24 points and six assists and senior point guard Daniel Dixon booked a season-high 23 points, canning a season-best seven 3-pointers ... Fred Brathwaite (20 pts., 15 reb.) and Alex Smith (18 pts., 10 reb.) posted double-doubles for the Jaguars ... Greg Hire booked 12 points and five rebounds ... Senior point guard Daniel Dixon registered eight assists and five steals ... The victory was the seventh straight for the Jags in NCAA Tournament Regional play.

**TOP CATS ...** ASU moved up to No. 1 in the NABC/Coaches Poll on Tuesday, March 2 for the second time this season ... The Jags reached the No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history for one week on Jan. 12 ... ASU has been ranked in the nation's top 25 for 50 consecutive weeks ... ASU is ranked No. 4 in the final poll of the 2009-10 season, matching last season's final ranking of No. 4 as the highest finish in school history.

**IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT ...** ASU is hosting an NCAA Regional for the fourth consecutive season ... The Jags are 13-7 (.650) all-time in seven trips to the Big Dance ... The Jags have made back-to-back Elite Eight and Final Four appearances and reached the NCAA Tournament Championship game in March, 2008 ... ASU is 9-1 in the NCAA Tournament in Augusta over the last three seasons ... The Jags qualified in 2001 and returned in 2002 ... In 2001, ASU defeated Catawba 96-84 as a No. 6 seed before falling to Winston-Salem State 65-48 in the round of 32 in Charlotte, N.C. ... In 2002, the Jags were eliminated 73-70 by Johnson C. Smith in Jefferson City, Tenn. ... ASU defeated Elizabeth City State 79-53 in the quarterfinals of the 2007 South Atlantic Regional in Christenberry Fieldhouse before being upset 79-78 by Wingate in the

semifinals ... The Jags went 0-2 in the 1978 South Regional, falling to Central Florida and Livingston ... ASU head coach Dip Metress is 13-5 all-time in 18 NCAA Tournament contests, including 12-3 at the helm of the Jaguars.

**ASU HEAD COACH DIP METRESS** ... is 143-46 (.757) and in his sixth season at the helm of the Jaguar program and 277-139 (.665) in his 14th season overall as a head coach ... Metress was named the fifth head coach in the program's 45-year history on May 10, 2004 ... A former Jaguar assistant from 1989-95, Metress returned to Augusta following a highly successful, eight-year stint at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C. ... In eight seasons at "The Abbey", Metress guided the Crusaders to a 134-93 (.590) record, including a 117-56 (.676) mark the last six years ... In his last nine seasons, Metress is 211-69 (.754), an average of over 23 wins per season ... The 2006-07 and 2009-10 Peach Belt Conference Coach-of-the-Year, Metress has guided ASU to back-to-back trips to the Elite Eight and Final Four, including a National Championship game appearance in 2007-08 ... He earned the Whack Hyder Georgia College Coach-of-the-Year Award as well as NABC Southeast Region Coach-of-the-Year honors following the 2008-09 season.

### **WITH A WIN, ASU WILL ...**

- ❖ Claim its third straight NCAA Tournament Regional Championship
- ❖ Extend its school-record home winning streak to 31 games
- ❖ Earn its third consecutive trip to the Elite Eight in Springfield, Mass.
- ❖ Become the first team in Peach Belt Conference history to qualify for the Elite Eight in three consecutive seasons
- ❖ Finish its home schedule with an 18-0 record for the first time in school history
- ❖ Improve to 110-22 over the last four seasons (24-7 in 2006-07, 27-7 in 2007-08, 30-5 in 2008-09, 29-3 in 2009-10)
- ❖ Improve to 77-9 at home under head coach Dip Metress
- ❖ Improve to 57-4 at home under Metress since the beginning of the 2006-07 season
- ❖ Extend its winning streak to nine straight games in NCAA Tournament Regional play
- ❖ Improve to 10-1 in NCAA Tournament regional play under Metress
- ❖ Improve to 21-8 in March under Metress
- ❖ Improve to 20-8 in the postseason under Metress
- ❖ Improve to 13-3 in the NCAA Tournament under Metress.

**MORE ON MONTEVALLO** ... The University of Montevallo, which was founded in 1896 and has an enrollment of 3,100, is located in Montevallo, Ala., just 35 miles south of Birmingham ... The Falcons have advanced to the Elite Eight twice in their history, making back-to-back trips in 2006 and 2007 ... The Falcons are playing in their fifth regional final in the last seven seasons ... UM is in its inaugural season as a member of the Peach Belt Conference ... The Falcons advanced to the PBC Tournament Championship game before falling to USC Aiken 65-60 ... Senior guard Freddy Little leads the Falcons in scoring at 16.6 ppg. ... He was a first-team, All-PBC selection.

**ROUND THREE WITH THE FALCONS** ... ASU and Montevallo have split a pair of matchups this season ... The Jags won 61-40 on Feb. 13 in Augusta in a contest nationally-televised on CBS College Sports Network ... Ben Madgen paced ASU with 19 points – 13 points in the last six minutes – while Alex Smith had 15 points and nine rebounds ... Daniel Dixon had six assists and four steals ... The Falcons shot just 30.2 percent for the game and went 9:22 without a field goal in the second half ... On March 6, Montevallo knocked ASU from its No. 1 national ranking and knocked the Jags out of the Peach Belt Conference Tournament with an 81-77 upset in the tourney semifinals ... Junior guard Travis Dortch paced the Falcons with 22 points and Freddy Little and Cecil Coleman had 17 and 13 points, respectively ... The game featured eight ties and seven lead

changes ... Ben Madgen poured in a career-high 34 points and Fred Brathwaite registered 20 points and 14 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the season ... UM shot 65.1 percent for the game, including 70.8 percent in the first half.

**STATE BRAGGIN' RIGHTS** ... At 109-22 overall, ASU is the winningest men's basketball program in the State of Georgia among all Division I and Division II institutions since the beginning of the 2006-07 season ... In fact, ASU is the only team in the state with four 20-win seasons, and one of just two teams with three 20-win campaigns ... ASU was the only team in the state to combine for over 80 wins during the 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 seasons.

**WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER** ... With a 25-2 regular-season record, ASU set a new school standard for the most regular-season victories in school history ... The previous mark (24) was set 40 years ago during the 1969-70 season ... With 30 wins last season, ASU established a new school record for victories in a single season ... At 30-5, the Jags became the second Peach Belt Conference member to eclipse the 30-win mark (Kennesaw State, 35-4 in 2003-04) ... With 23 regular-season wins in 2007-08 and 2008-09, the Jaguars recorded the second-most, regular-season victories in school history and the most since the 1969-70 season ... ASU's 85 wins the last three seasons (2007-08 through 2009-10) are the most over a three-year span in school history ... The Jags have won 22 or more games for the eighth time in school history and for the fifth time in the last nine years (2001-02: 22-8, 2006-07: 24-7, 2007-08: 27-7, 2008-09: 30-5) ... ASU's 58 combined wins in 2008-09 and 2009-10 broke the previous record for victories over a two-year span set by the 2007-08 and 2008-09 editions of the Jaguars ... The previous record was 51 wins in 2006-07 and 2007-08.

**POLL POSITION** ... ASU was ranked No. 4 in the nation by the NABC in the 15th and final poll of the 2009-10 season ... ASU has appeared in 50 consecutive national polls, dating back to the 2006-07 season, and been ranked in the top 20 for 39 consecutive weeks ... The Jags have been ranked in the top 10 in 32 of the last 34 polls, and have reached the top five 18 times under head coach Dip Metress ... The Jaguars debuted at No. 6 in the first regular-season poll, then improved one spot in each of the first three polls of the regular season ... After spending three weeks at No. 3, ASU moved up to No. 1 for the first time in school history on Jan. 12 ... ASU was ranked No. 10 in the NABC preseason poll ... The Jags were ranked in all 15 national polls in 2008-09, including seven weeks in the top five and 14 weeks in the top 10, and finished the season ranked No. 4 ... On Dec. 9, 2008, ASU vaulted up to No. 3 in the nation, at the time its highest national ranking in school history ... ASU's No. 5 preseason national ranking in 2008-09 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.

**HOME COURT ADVANTAGE** ... Under head coach Dip Metress, Christenberry Fieldhouse has definitely turned into an electric atmosphere ... Under Metress' watch, ASU has won 30 straight home games, including a 17-0 mark this season ... The Jags own a +23.4 scoring margin in 17 home games, averaging 83.6 ppg. and allowing only 60.2 ppg. ... ASU has won 24 straight, regular-season home games ... ASU has also won 24 straight PBC home games ... The Jags' 28-game home winning streak was born after a 70-68 home loss to Virginia Union on Dec. 18, 2008 ... ASU had won nine in a row at home dating back to the 2007-08 season prior to that loss ... The Jags had also won 14 straight non-conference home games under Metress, prior to the VUU loss ... Previously, ASU's last non-conference home loss was an 81-57 setback at the hands of West Georgia on Jan. 5, 2004, under former head coach Gary Tuell.

**NOTEWORTHY** ... With 891 points, Fred Brathwaite needs only 19 points to reach the 1,000-point mark in his career ... He would become the 26th player in school history to eclipse the 1,000-point plateau ... With 274 career 3-pointers, Ben Madgen needs nine treys to overtake former ASU standout Gary Boodnikoff as the school's and the Peach Belt

Conference's all-time leader in 3-pointers ... With 455 career assists, Daniel Dixon ranks third in PBC history and needs just 15 more to overtake former Armstrong Atlantic State standout Robert Campbell (469) as the conference's career leader in assists ... Dixon ranks fifth in PBC history with 223 career steals ... Campbell owns that mark as well (357) ... Madgen owns seven school records – points, games started, 3-point attempts, field goal attempts, free throws made, free throw attempts and free throw percentage ... He ranks second all-time in ASU annals in 3-pointers and field goals ... Dixon owns school records for assists, steals and games played.

**AMONG THE NATION'S BEST** ... The Jaguars ranked **2nd** in the nation in rebounding margin at +11.9 through games of March 7, according to the NCAA's most recent report ... The Jags are ranked **6th** in scoring margin at +17.1 ... The Jags are ranked **7th** in won-loss percentage (.897) ... The Jags are ranked **14th** in field goal percentage (.496) ... The Jags are ranked **17th** in scoring defense ... Individually, Daniel Dixon is ranked **16th** in the nation in steals per game (2.4 spg.)

**LAND DOWN UNDER HELPS KEEP JAGS ON TOP** ... Over the last decade-plus, the Jaguars have benefited from an influx of tremendous talent from Australia ... The 2009-10 ASU roster boasts a trio of Aussies in fourth-year assistant coach Robbie McKinlay and seniors Ben Madgen and Greg Hire ... ASU had four Aussies on their roster in 2008-09, including former letterman Tom Wright ... Madgen followed former Aussie standouts Cameron Tovey, Tommy Greer and Gary Boodnikoff, who all earned Peach Belt Conference Freshman-of-the-Year honors during their respective careers ... Madgen and Boodnikoff both earned Peach Belt Conference Player-of-the-Year honors as seniors ... Chris Harriman, a three-year starter at point guard for the Jags from Balgownie Australia, is currently an assistant coach under Rick Majerus at St. Louis University.

**STREAKING** ... ASU opened the 2009-10 season with 14 straight wins, four shy of the school record ... The Jags won 16 straight games in 2008-09, just two victories shy of the school record set during the 1969-70 season ... ASU had winning streaks of seven and eight games, respectively, in 2007-08 ... ASU won 14 straight regular-season games in 2006-07, which was at the time the second-longest winning streak in school history ... ASU won eight straight regular-season games in 2004-05.