



## **Kentucky to Host Tribute Classic presented by Kentucky Tourism in November**

*Wildcats will take on Duquesne, North Florida, and South Carolina State*

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**PRINCETON, N.J.** – Kentucky will play host to Duquesne, North Florida, and South Carolina State in the Tribute Classic presented by Kentucky Tourism, a three-game round-robin tournament that begins on Nov. 11.

The Wildcats will host three games at Rupp Arena at Central Bank Center: Nov. 11 vs. Duquesne, Nov. 17 vs. South Carolina State, and Nov. 23 vs. North Florida.

In addition to playing at Kentucky, Duquesne will host South Carolina State (Nov. 14) and North Florida (Nov. 21). North Florida will get a home game with South Carolina State (Nov. 19) to complete the schedule.

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Nov. 11 – Duquesne at Kentucky  
Nov. 14 – South Carolina State at Duquesne  
Nov. 17 – South Carolina State at Kentucky  
Nov. 19 – South Carolina State at North Florida  
Nov. 21 – North Florida at Duquesne  
Nov. 23 – North Florida at Kentucky

Last season, Kentucky posted a 26-8 mark, ending the season ranked seventh by the Associated Press and earning a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Under head coach John Calipari, the Wildcats have the most wins (31), Final Four appearances (four), Elite Eight appearances (seven), and Sweet 16 appearances (eight) of any program since he took over in 2009-10.

Sixth-year Duquesne head coach Keith Dambrot, who enters the season with the second-most career wins among Atlantic 10 coaches with 484, will put that experience to work as he meshes 10 newcomers with a pair of starters from a team that finished last year as the fourth-least experienced in the country according to KenPom.com.

Three-time ASUN coach of the year Matthew Driscoll will enter his 14<sup>th</sup> season leading North Florida. In that time, he has coached 16 ASUN all-conference players, including a pair of Players of the Year, Freshmen of the Year, and Defensive Players of the Year.

South Carolina State will be under the direction of first-year head coach Erik Martin. One of the most respected assistant coaches in the country, Martin spent the previous 17 seasons working with Bob

Huggins, including the last 16 at West Virginia where the Mountaineers posted 326 wins, 10 NCAA Tournament appearances, five Sweet 16s, and a spot in the 2010 Final Four.

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