

ASU Women Win Fourth Straight

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Appalachian State University women's basketball rolled to its fourth-straight victory, as the Mountaineers routed Wofford 81-60 Saturday afternoon on the Terriers' home floor.

The victory is the Black and Gold's seventh straight over Wofford and improves ASU to 10-3 on the season and 4-1 in league play, while WC falls to 5-8 overall and 1-4 in SoCon action.

After Appalachian took a comfortable 44-28 lead into the half, Wofford began the second-half with a spark, outscoring ASU 7-2 to pull within 11 points a little under five minutes into the period.

ASU responded however, countering with an 10-2 streak of its own, paced by Sam Ramirez (Fayetteville, N.C./Southview), pushing the Apps' lead back out to 56-37 with 9:37 remaining.

Ramirez had five points during the Mountaineer spurt, and ended the contest with a game-high 24, two shy of her career-high on 10-19 shooting, including drilling four treys. The lone senior cluttered the stat line, playing perhaps her best all around game of the season thus far, as she recorded a career-high eight steals, hauled in seven rebounds and dished out four assists.

Never allowing Wofford to come closer than 17 points, Appalachian cruised to the dominating 21- point victory.

The Mountaineers started the game on fire, jumping out to a commanding 19-5 lead, thanks in part to impressive play by Spartanburg, S.C. native Ashlen Dewart (Spartanburg, S.C./Dorman). The sophomore scored eight of Appalachian's first 19 points.

Dewart was also stellar in the game, tallying her second straight double-double, scoring 21 points, while grabbing 16 rebounds.

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Not shy offensively either, Ramirez and Courtney Freeman (Carlton, Ga./Madison County) were also able to ignite the Black and Gold on the offensive front, and the Apps made the score 24-9 in their favor with a little under 12 minutes to go until the break.

Wofford tried to get something going, posting an 8-2 run, with points coming from April Moorhouse and Mahagony Williams, and the Terriers were able to pull within nine.

Nine points however would be the narrowest of margins, as the Mountaineer offense was unstoppable, with Ramirez drilling two treys in the waning minutes of first period play and the Apps took a 14-point cushion into the half.

Despite Wofford trying to rally to begin the second half, Appalachian picked up its pace and maintained its double-digit lead.

Freshman Michelle Taylor (Tampa, Fla./H.B. Plant) helped enable the Apps keep up their strong play, as she scored a career-high nine points, all coming in the second half, while grabbing six rebounds as well, and the Black and Gold went on to the 81-60 win.

Appalachian's tough SoCon play continues, as the Mountaineers head to Statesboro, Ga. to battle league foe Georgia Southern, Monday, January 10. The game between the Apps and Eagles is slated to tip off at 7 p.m. from GSU's Hanner Fieldhouse.

Our coverage begins at 6:30 pm on AM, 1450 WATA.

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APPALACHIAN STATE		44	37	-	81
WOFFORD		28	32	-	60

ASU: A.FREEMAN 16, DEWART 21 (10 REBOUNDS), RAMIREZ 24, C.FREEMAN 5, SHARKEY 2, EDWARDS 2, TAYLOR 9, KELLY 2. FG: 34-74, 3FG: 4-9, FT: 9-14. REBOUNDS - 47, TURNOVERS - 26.

WOFFORD: MOOREHOUSE 10, WILLIAMS 4, ESCORZA 8, BRITTENHAM 7, MORRIS 10, HELMS 8, KROKER 2, FROST 3, SARTOR 3, MOTLEY 5. FG: 21-62, 3FG: 5-17, FT: 13-17. REBOUNDS - 37, TURNOVERS - 32.