

Men's Soccer Defeats Detroit, 2-0

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ASU's Costin Gregory (Raleigh, N.C. / Sanderson) scored the game-winner on his first career goal as Appalachian State men's soccer picked up a 2-0 victory over Detroit at the Davidson College adidas Classic on Sunday.

With the win, the Mountaineers level out to 2-2-1 on the year, while the Titans slip to 3-2-0. Before the game, a moment of silence was conducted to honor the memory of those whose lives were impacted by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

In the first half, the Titans maintained offensive advantage, and opened up a 6-1 advantage in shots with four corner kicks. On a Detroit throw-in, a clever header by Pat Lepera nearly found the net, but a speedy reaction by ASU keeper Danny Free (Doncaster, England / Hall Cross School) denied the Titans' opportunity.

Midway through the first half, the Mountaineers notched their first corner kick, and senior Lee Rutter (Nottingham, England / South Nottingham) had a good look but sailed his shot narrowly over the crossbar.

ASU carried its momentum to six total shots in the first half, but the period expired without a score by either team.

Twenty minutes into the second stanza, Nate Latigue (Cary, N.C. / Panther Creek), Sean Dreybus (Newport News, Va. / Warwick) and Rutter broke loose in a three-on-two situation, but despite the situation, Rutter's shot missed just left of the frame.

In the 73rd minute, the Apps broke loose deep in the Titans' end. On a serve by Dreybus, Nicholas Skoda (Knoxville, Tenn. / Hardin Valley) connected on a hard shot from six yards. Detroit keeper Anthony Shepherd made the initial save, but Gregory was in position for the one-touch shot on the rebound to net the game's first goal.

Detroit amplified its pressure in the final minutes but not without a cost. In the final seconds, Sekani Sinclair (Parkland, Fla. / Marjory Stoneman Douglas) and Dreybus broke loose with the ball behind the entire Titan defense. With just Shepherd in their way, the duo had no trouble circumnavigating the keeper, and Dreybus had the final touch to ice the game with less than 15 seconds remaining.

Free finished the day with three saves for Appalachian, while Detroit's Shepherd notched five. The Mountaineers next travel to Conway, S.C. for the Coastal Carolina Invitational. Appalachian takes on the host Chanticleers on Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Hartwick on Sunday, Sept. 18 at noon.

Women's Soccer Defeats UNC Asheville

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Katy Dodd's goal in the 71st minute lifted the Appalachian State Women's Soccer team to a 1-0 victory over UNC Asheville on Sunday, Sept. 11 at ASU Soccer Stadium.

Dodd (Apex, N.C./Apex) scored the lone goal of the match after picking up a through-ball from Hannah Coad (Alpharetta, Ga./Blessed Trinity) and dribbling past Bulldog goalkeeper Heather Muller before firing a shot into an open net from six yards out for the score.

The Mountaineers (3-3-0) picked up their second-straight victory after defeating Longwood in double-overtime earlier this week. UNCA (0-6-0) remained winless on the season.

"We always tell our kids that we don't play for ourselves," said head coach Sarah Strickland. "We remind them all the time that we play for something bigger than ourselves. The events of this week shook everybody and its one of those times where you take a step back and really put everything in perspective."

The Bulldogs started the match with a flurry of shots in the first 10 minutes but were unable to put a shot on target until the 15:47 mark when Mountaineer goalkeeper Amy Kolowsky (Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley) came up with her first save of the contest.

The Apps saw their best first-half scoring opportunity turned away when Leah Drawdy's shot on goal was stopped by Muller. Drawdy (Waxhaw, N.C./Cuthbertson) took a shot from just inside the penalty area at the 37:07 mark, but the Muller stepped in front to preserve a scoreless game.

"I thought we created a lot of opportunities," said Strickland. "We struggled a little bit in the first half to get good looks. I thought we were a step off but UNC Asheville did a great job and worked very hard themselves to prevent those chances."

Appalachian would have another great chance in the 50th minute when Julia Holz (Marietta, Ga./Walton) put a header on target before a Bulldog defender stepped in front to clear it off the line.

Dodd's goal would come nearly 20 minutes later when the Mountaineers found themselves on a counter attack in UNCA territory. Coad sent a long pass towards the penalty area and Dodd dribble around the goalkeeper for the easy goal.

"I've got to give all the credit to Hannah on the goal," said Dodd. "She played a great ball and made it very easy for me. I just wanted to come in and make a difference today."

The goal was Dodd's first of the season and seventh of her career. The assist from Coad marked her first career assist and first points of the 2011 season.

Kolowsky (3-3-0) picked up the win by stopping four shots in her second-straight shutout effort. Muller made six saves for the Bulldogs as the Apps out shot UNCA by a 17-13 margin, including an 8-4 edge in shots on goal.

"We're very strong defensively," said Kolowsky. "Even though we have some young players back there we've done a good job of grasping the defensive mentality."

ASU was awarded four corners in the match to UNCA's two and both teams committed eight fouls. The Mountaineers return to action at Virginia Tech on Wednesday at 6 p.m. ET.

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Mountaineers Fall to Louisville

Appalachian State field hockey fell to Louisville 6-0 on Sunday afternoon in Louisville Ky. The Cardinals' offense came out swinging to score two goals in the first seven minutes of the game. Louisville tagged on two more goals before halftime to take a 4-0 lead at intermission. Louisville's Elizabeth Vance scored her second goal of the game in the 44th minute. The Cardinals scored its last goal in the 64th minute to improve their record to 4-2, as the Mountaineers fall to 0-5.

The Mountaineers return to action at Delaware on September 18 at 12 p.m.