

## ASU Volleyball Dominates Saturday Matches

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Anna Wagner notched her 10th double-digit kill total of the season as the Appalachian State volleyball team took down its second ACC opponent of the season with a 3-0 win over Wake Forest on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Holmes Center.

After a tight battle in the first set of the match, the Mountaineers (8-6) dominated the final two sets to send the Demon Deacons (4-6) back to Winston-Salem with their fourth loss in their past six matches.

The Apps jumped out to an early 7-3 lead in the first set thanks to a service ace from Maggie Seeds and an attack error by Wake Forest. The Mountaineers also found themselves with a 14-11 lead midway through the set, but the Demon Deacons rallied with an 8-3 run to take a 19-7 lead and force an Appalachian timeout.

ASU came out of the break with three-straight points to tie the match at 20-20 before calling another timeout after falling behind 22-20. Wagner would help the Apps rally by recording three of Appalachian's final five points en route to a 25-22 set win.

The match would be all Mountaineers from there as the squad jumped out to a 15-9 lead in the second set and led by as many as seven (22-15) late in the set on its way to a 25-16 set victory. Meghann Forshey recorded four of the Apps' final five points in the second set.

In the third and final set of the evening, ASU trailed 5-3 before reeling off seven-straight points, four of which came from Wagner, to take a 10-5 lead it would never relinquish.

The Mountaineers led by as many as nine points on two separate occasions in the late stages of the third set as they finished off Wake Forest with a 25-18 set win.

Wagner led the Apps with 18 kills while hitting .385 and picking up 14 digs on the evening.

Forshey and Kelly Rhein each posted 10 kills while Courtney Rhein led all players with 19 digs. As a team, Appalachian hit .323 while holding the Demon Deacons to a .204 hitting percentage. Carlin Salmon paced Wake Forest with 11 kills but ASU was able to force the Demon Deacons' top player into four attack errors. Both teams finished with four blocks.

The Mountaineers return to action when they play host to Samford in the SoCon opener for both teams at 7:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Holmes Center. The Apps will also face SoCon foe Chattanooga at home on Sunday at 4 p.m. ET.

**MATCH NOTES:** ASU's win over Wake Forest snapped a five-match losing streak to the Demon Deacons... the victory was Appalachian's second over an ACC opponent this season... the Mountaineers opened the year with a 3-1 win over N.C. State... Tuesday's win was the fourth 3-0 win of the season for the Apps... Wagner's 18 kills were good for her third-highest mark of the season... she totaled 49 kills in two matches against ACC opponents (31 vs. N.C. State)... the senior outside hitter has four of the top five single-match kill totals for the Apps this year... Forshey's 10 kills marked the third time in the past five matches that she reached double-digit kill totals... Rhein's 19 digs are the most for an ASU player in any three-set match this season... Appalachian's .323 hitting percentage was the team's third-highest total of the season

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