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Early in the second half, ASU junior Hannah Coad (Alpharetta, Ga./Blessed Trinity) scored the game-tying goal and neither team was able to break the deadlock, as Appalachian State women's soccer (5-9-2, 1-5-2 SoCon) earned a 1-1 tie with Southern Conference opponent Chattanooga (6-7-2, 1-6-1 SoCon) at ASU Soccer Stadium on Sunday.

"Both teams showed up ready to play," reported head coach Sarah Strickland. After yielding an early goal, the Apps fought back to erase the deficit. "We did a good job creating chances all day. Chattanooga has a few special players we had to manage."

Chattanooga is led by junior Becca Smith, who began the day as the conference's leading point-scorer, having recorded 12 goals and five assists in previous games; Smith added to her total by scoring Sunday's first goal in the 33rd minute. Off a pass from Keley Swann, Smith fired a deep shot from well outside the penalty area to give the Mocs a 1-0 advantage.

Trailing at the half, the Apps came out of the break aggressive. In the 48th minute, Sydney Hill (Alpharetta, Ga./South Carolina) fed a through-pass into the right corner. From there, ASU's Meggie Graham (Marietta, Ga./Walton) fired an immediate crossing pass and found Coad at the far post for the equalizer. The goal was her second of the season and Hill's team-high sixth assist.

After a tense conclusion of regulation and two extra periods, the dust settled with the teams still tied, 1-1. The game was Appalachian's fourth-straight double-overtime game at home (1-1-2). ASU keeper Amy Kolowsky (Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley) recorded six saves in goal, while Katy Dodd (Apex, N.C./Apex) posted a career-high seven shots.

"Every team's competitive in the Southern Conference," continued Strickland. "There's unbelievable parity in the league, and many games are ending in ties. Coad scored a great goal, but now we face an uphill battle. We aren't giving up and we're going to fight until we're done."

Appalachian returns to ASU Soccer Stadium at Ted Mackorell Complex for its next game on Thursday, Oct. 20. In their final home game of the year, the Mountaineers host the Elon Phoenix for a 7 p.m. game.

ASU Field Hockey Falls to Penn

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Appalachian State University field hockey fell to head coach Brandi Alexander Kist's alma mater, University of Pennsylvania, 5-2, on Sunday afternoon.

The Quakers (3-10) jumped out to an early 2-0 lead when Helene Caniglia netted her fourth goal of the season just 2:35 into the contest and Kirstin Snyder scored an unassisted goal 50 seconds later. Mountaineers' (1-13) freshman Jessi Stuart cut into Penn's lead with her third goal of the season and was assisted by sophomore Brooklyn Shearer. Penn's Alex Iqbal scored in the 22nd minute to give the Quakers a 3-1 lead going into halftime.

Iqbal recorded a hat trick with goals in the 39th minute and 58th minute to give Penn a 5-1 lead.

Senior Kelly Allaband netted her fourth goal of the season in the 66th minute to cut the Mountaineers' deficit.

Allaband, Shearer and Stuart leads Appalachian's offense with nine points apiece.

The Mountaineers travel to Durham, N.C. to face off with Central Michigan on Saturday at 11 a.m., and will play their final home game on Sunday against future NorPac foe Liberty at 1 p.m.

Appalachian Hammers Wofford, Wins Fifth Straight

Appalachian State Volleyball continued to assert itself as the premier team in the SoCon with a 3-0 sweep of visiting Wofford on Sunday night at the Holmes Center.

The Mountaineers (15-7, 7-1 SoCon) picked up their fifth-straight win to stay alone atop the SoCon North while the Terriers (13-11, 2-6) dropped their fourth-straight match overall and third-straight in conference play.

Appalachian took an early 10-6 lead in the first set before Wofford battle back with six-straight points to take a 12-10 lead midway through the set. The Mountaineers responded by scoring 10 of the next 13 points to take a 20-15 lead en route to a 25-22 set win.

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The Apps dominated the second set by storming out to a 3-0 lead it would never relinquish. Appalachian State led by as many as 11 points on two occasions during the second set before Anna Wagner gave the Mountaineers the 25-13 set victory with one of her match-high 11 kills. Wofford proved to be no challenge again in the third set as the Apps never trailed and led by as many as nine points late in the final set. Appalachian would lead by as many as nine points late in the match before closing things out with a 25-15 third-set victory.

As a team, the Mountaineers hit .233 while holding Wofford to a .000 hitting percentage. The Terriers committed 22 attack errors while Appalachian committed 17. Wofford finished with a 10-7 edge in blocks but allowed seven ASU service aces.

Wagner led all players in kills while recording eight digs and three block assists. Alison Blasingame had nine kills, five block assists and two aces while Kelly Rhein had seven kills, three aces and nine digs.

Courtney Rhein had a match-high 17 digs and Kasey Sauls had 20 assists and 13 digs.

The Mountaineers return to action at College of Charleston on Friday at 7 p.m. before traveling to The Citadel at 6 p.m. on Saturday. ASU will return home with a 7 p.m. match against UNCG on Oct. 28.

MATCH NOTES: Appalachian's 7-1 start in SoCon play is its best mark through eight conference matches since 2006... ASU has won seven-straight matches at home, its longest home winning streak since the 2007 season... the 3-0 sweep of Wofford is the first time that Appalachian has swept three SoCon opponents in a row since 2007... with her three block assists on Sunday, Maggie Seeds needs just two more to pass Amy Lewis for ninth all-time... Seeds has recorded 236 block assists in her career... Appalachian held Wofford to a hitting percentage of .000, the lowest of any opponent since ASU held North Carolina A&T to a -.086 percentage on Aug. 27, 2010... the Mountaineers improved to 9-1 at home this season... six of Appalachian's nine home wins have been 3-0 sweeps.