

ASU Field Hockey Falls To Unbeaten VCU

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Appalachian State University field hockey team fell to the undefeated VCU Rams, 4-3 this afternoon at the neutral site match. Appalachian lit up the scoreboard early in the first half when sophomore

Jessi Stuart found the back of the net off her own rebound, for her second goal of the 2012 season.

The Apps took the 2-0 advantage over the Rams when they were able to draw a penalty corner early in the first half. Amber Boot took the corner for the Black and Gold and passed to Emily Knapp who was able to stick stop the ball and pass to Dana Wetmore. Wetmore netted her second goal of the season to give Appalachian the 2-0 lead over the Rams.

VCU answered back scoring its first goal of the match at the 28:14 mark when Kelsey Scherrer scored off a penalty corner from the top of the circle, cutting the Apps lead to one. The Rams were able to knot the score at 2-2 before the end of the first half when Kendall Farino would find the ball in the air and shoot it in past goalkeeper, Sarah Anderson.

VCU was able to take its first lead of the match when Meaghan Neylon found the ball off a rebound inside the circle, allowing the Rams to take a 3-2 lead over Appalachian.

The Ram's Melanie Marotta scored what would be the match winner at the 59:30 mark of the contest, extending the VCU lead to two.

App State battled back scoring one more goal of the match when Caroline Phillips netted her second goal of the season off a penalty corner. Appalachian State looked to make a charge with only seconds remaining in the match, but would be unable to get a shot off, falling 4-3 to the unbeaten VCU.

Stuart led the Mountaineers with three shots on goal, while Wetmore had two on the afternoon. Anderson took the loss in the cage, saving ten shots in 70 minutes of play.

With the loss Appalachian State falls to 2-5 overall on the season, while VCU improves to 6-0 overall on the season.

The Black and Gold will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 22 when they return to High Country for its first home match of the 2012 campaign. The match is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.