

ASU Volleyball Drops The Citadel in Four Sets

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Lindsey Sauls (Prairie Village, Kan./Shawnee Mission East) tallied 14 kills and a career-high 18 digs to lead Appalachian State University volleyball to a 3-1 Southern Conference win over The Citadel on Saturday at the Holmes Center.

The Mountaineers (6-18, 2-8 SoCon) snapped a six-match losing streak as they downed the Bulldogs (4-22, 0-10) for the fourth-straight time. App State dominated the match early on with victories in each of the first two sets. The Apps never trailed in the first set en route to a 25-13 victory and fell behind just once, on the initial two points, in the second set as they picked up a 25-14 win.

The Citadel managed to bounce back in the third set with a 7-1 mid set run that helped propel it to a 25-17 third-set victory. The Mountaineers bounced back, however, with a 25-19 fourth-set win to take the match by a 3-1 final. It was Appalachian's first win since a 3-1 win over Elon on Sept. 29 and pushed it to 3-3 at home this season.

Sauls and Lauren Gray (Round Rock, Texas/Round Rock) finished as the team leaders with 14 kills each while Jessica Eley (Kansas City, Mo./Bishop Miege) finished with eight kills and five block assists. Lauren Brown (Overland Park, Kan./St. James Academy) notched a match-high 34 assists and Courtney Rhein (York, Pa./Eastern York) tallied 24 digs.

The Citadel was paced by Ise d'Angelo's 14 kills on offense. The Bulldogs picked up four block assists from Jessica Maxwell and 17 digs from Erin Bucheri. Appalachian dominated the box score, outhitting the Bulldogs .271 to .158 on the attack and recording 10 blocks to The Citadel's six. The Mountaineers hit better than .310 in each set they won, including a blistering .400 in the fourth and final set.

App State returns to action when it travels to Elon (Oct. 26) and UNCG (Oct. 27) next weekend before returning home to face Western Carolina on Nov. 1.

MATCH NOTES: Appalachian improved to 22-1 all-time against The Citadel... Sauls tallied 10 or more kills for the 12th time this season... Rhein increased her career dig total to 1,758... she needs just 71 more digs to become Appalachian's all-time leader.

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