

Apps Seek 12th SoCon Title on Black Saturday

Written by Mike Flynn

Friday, 09 November 2012 08:33

With a chance to clinch its record-tying 12th Southern Conference championship, Appalachian State University closes the regular season versus longtime rival Furman. Kickoff is set for Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

TICKETS

Reserved seats for Saturday's game are SOLD OUT. Tickets for general-admission grass seating remain and can be purchased:

- online by going to goasu.com
- by phone at (828) 262-2079 (Friday - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- in person at the Appalachian State athletics ticket office (Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- in person at the Kidd Brewer Stadium ticket plaza (Saturday beginning at 11:30 a.m.)

LIVE VIDEO

Saturday's game will be shown live on GoASU TV. Go to GoASU.com to become a GoASU TV premium subscriber.

RADIO

Saturday's game will be broadcast live on the Appalachian IMG Sports Network. Live coverage

Apps Seek 12th SoCon Title on Black Saturday

Written by Mike Flynn

Friday, 09 November 2012 08:33

begins at 1:30 p.m. with Pigskin Prelude. Locally, the game can be heard on AM 1450, WATA, WKBC 97.3 FM, and the IMG/Appalachian Sports Network.

BLACK SATURDAY

The regular-season finale is Appalachian State's annual BLACK SATURDAY game at Kidd Brewer Stadium. All fans are encouraged to help blackout The Rock by wearing BLACK to the game.

NOTING SATURDAY'S MATCHUP

- Appalachian State (7-3, 5-2 SoCon) controls its own destiny in the Southern Conference championship race. If the Mountaineers defeat Furman (3-6, 2-4 SoCon), they win their seventh conference title in eight years.
- A victory would also give Appalachian its 12th SoCon championship, tying Furman for the most titles in the league's 80-year championship history. Furman's 12 SoCon championships have come in 74 years in the conference while this is only Appalachian's 41st season in the SoCon.
- Appalachian is 11-2 all-time in games in which it has an opportunity to clinch at least a share of the Southern Conference championship. The Mountaineers have won eight-straight potential SoCon title-clinchers by an average score of 34-11.
- Appalachian climbed back into the SoCon title race last Saturday when it knocked off top-ranked Georgia Southern, 31-28, on the road in Statesboro, Ga. and Samford upset No. 6 Wofford in double overtime. Those results drew the Mountaineers even in the loss column with GSU (7-2, 6-2 SoCon), Wofford (7-2, 5-2 SoCon) and Chattanooga (5-4, 4-2 SoCon) atop the SoCon standings.

Apps Seek 12th SoCon Title on Black Saturday

Written by Mike Flynn

Friday, 09 November 2012 08:33

- Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, they have not played well recently when coming off big wins. The last three times that Appalachian has defeated a nationally ranked opponent, it has lost the following week.
- Ironically, the dubious streak began last year when, coming off a 24-17 win over No. 1 Georgia Southern, the Mountaineers dropped a 20-10 decision at Furman.
- Furman is the only current member of the Southern Conference that Appalachian has a losing record against all-time. The Mountaineers are just 17-22-3 in 42 all-time meetings with the Paladins.
- However, Appalachian has controlled the series as of late with wins in nine of the last 11 meetings.
- The Mountaineers have also won eight-straight over Furman at Kidd Brewer Stadium, dating back to 1998. Many members of Appalachian's current team had not yet started elementary school the last time the Apps lost to the Paladins in Boone, a 20-14 defeat on Oct. 12, 1996.
- Appalachian had a record six-game winning streak in the series snapped with last year's loss at Furman.
- Fans are encouraged to get to their seats early, as Appalachian State will honor its seniors prior to the game. Fifteen student-athletes will be recognized before their final regular-season contest in the Black and Gold — 12 in their final season of eligibility and three fourth-year juniors that have decided to forego their final season of eligibility and graduate this year.

Apps Seek 12th SoCon Title on Black Saturday

Written by Mike Flynn

Friday, 09 November 2012 08:33

2012 APPALACHIAN STATE SENIORS

No. Name Pos. Hometown

45 Karl Anderson* LB Pilot Point, Texas

84 Zac Baker* TE Tunnel Hill, Ga.

90 Nic Canepa DL Hubert, N.C.

8 Rod Chisholm RB Charlotte, N.C.

24 Brandon Grier LB Charlotte, N.C.

33 Jeremy Kimbrough LB Decatur, Ga.

27 Sam Martin P/PK Fayetteville, Ga.

10 Demetrius McCray DB Covington, Ga.

3 Steven Miller RB Piscataway, N.J.

9 Troy Sanders DB Chester, S.C.

46 Adam Scott* DL/LB Greensboro, N.C.

88 Jonathan Shively WR Hayesville, N.C.

98 Derrick Shuemaker DL Swainsboro, Ga.

39 Matt Watson RB Bailey, N.C.

19 Jey Yokeley TE Charlotte, N.C.

* will forego final season of eligibility in order to graduate this year

For all of the information on Saturday's matchup, including links to live video, audio and stats, both teams' rosters, depth charts, game notes and much more, please visit GoASU.com's official Gameday Central page.

Photo Courtesy: Brandon Grier, ASU Athletics