

Appalachian Downs Gardner-Webb

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The Appalachian State women's basketball team scored their second home victory of the season, defeating Gardner-Webb 84-43 on Tuesday night at the Holmes Center.

The Mountaineers (2-1) entered halftime with a comfortable 24 point lead against the Runnin' Bulldogs (3-2), as they shot 51.4 percent from the field.

Courtney Freeman took the reigns and set the pace, shooting 7-11 from the field and leading in first half points. App State began to pull ahead early in the half, setting a 10-5 lead with 15:57 remaining in the first period. A series of offensive plays would follow to expand App's lead to nine (14-5) just two minutes later (13:57), but a strong run 12:67 into the half strengthened the Mountaineer lead to 23 (40-17).

Gardner-Webb's leading scorer, Catrina Green, contributed six points in the first period, but the Bulldogs failed to trim the deficit. They shot just 32 percent (8-25) in the first half, and were only 16.7 percent (1-6) from the line.

With thirty-one seconds remaining, Raven Gary connected on a three to put App at a 43-19 lead into halftime.

Michelle Taylor opened the second half scoring on a free-throw to continue the Mountaineers' lead (44-19). The Apps would go on 10-0 run later in the period to make it a 84-41 game. A free-throw shot by GWU's Doreen Richardson in the final 25 seconds of play would close out the game at 84-43 for Appalachian to grab the win.

Courtney Freeman led the team in scoring with 26 points, and grabbed five rebounds in the contest, while Anna Freeman recorded a double-double, pouring in 23 points and 10 rebounds. Gardner-Webb was led by Catrina Green, who scored ten points and nabbed eight rebounds, along with Jasmine Dale, who added ten points of her own.

Despite a hard-fought effort, the Bulldogs felt short scoring just 24 points in the second half and shooting 31.4 percent (8-26) in the game, compared to Appalachian State, who shot 47.2 percent (34-72) on the night and capitalized on free throws points, nailing 13-14 (92.9 percent). Up next, Appalachian State heads to Greenville, N.C., where they face Campbell on November 24 and Norfolk State on the 25th in the ECU Pirate Invitational Thanksgiving Tournament.

GAME NOTES: Anna Freeman recorded her 17th double-double. Courtney Freeman needs just 71 more points to become the 22nd player in school history with 1,000 career points. Appalachian State forced 10 or more turnovers for the 104th-straight game.

ASU 84, GWU 43

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SCORE BY PERIODS 1ST 2ND TOTAL

GARDNER-WEBB 19 24 - 43

APPALACHIAN STATE 43 41 - 84

GWU: HEILIG 3, GREEN 10 (8 REBOUNDS), DORAN 5, KOERNER 4 (6 REBOUNDS), DALE 10, RICHARDSON 1, PARKER 3, BROWN 5, QUINN 2, FG: 16-51, 3FG: 3-15, FT: 8-20. 37 REBOUNDS, 5 ASSISTS, 34 TURNOVERS.

ASU: C. FREEMAN 26, A. FREEMAN 23 (10 REBOUNDS, 5 ASSISTS), SHARKEY 4, TAYLOR 3 (6 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), RAVEN 7 (3 ASSISTS), WOOD 2, MALLOW 5, WILKERSON 4, COOPER 2, SYDNOR 8 (5 REBOUNDS). FG: 34-72, 3FG: 3-16, FT: 13-14. 44 REBOUNDS, 18 ASSISTS, 16 TURNOVERS.

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