

ASU Women's Hoops Win Second Straight

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Raven Gary shot a career high 17 points to lead Appalachian State University women's basketball to a 69-54 victory over Campbell University Saturday evening at Minges Coliseum.

The Mountaineers, who improve to 3-1 overall, and grab their first road win of the 2012-13 season, managed a 32-26 lead at halftime against the Camels (4-1), who brought the intensity, forcing a neck-and-neck contest.

Campbell shot a low 27.3 percent (9-33) from the floor in the first 20 minutes, including 3-8 from beyond the arc and 5-7 from the line. Appalachian State fielded a more respectable 38.7 percent (12-31) in the field during the first half, along with recording 4-6 from the charity stripe. The Apps battled early in first half to maintain a one-possession lead before a layup from Campbell's Tonisha Baker tied the contest (17-17) with 9:19 remaining in the period. A follow-up jumper by Roslyn Presley would give Campbell a 17-19 lead. A pair of quick threes from Farrahn Wood put App back on top (23-19), where they would stay for the remainder of the half. Anna Freeman led the first half with eight points and seven rebounds, followed by Maryah Sydnor and Raven Gary, who contributed seven points each.

App State began the second half with an A. Freeman layup before heading on a 6-0 run at the 18:11 mark (38-32). At the hands of Tonisha Baker, Campbell would make a run of their own cutting App's lead to a one-possession game, and even regaining the lead (49-48) for a single possession.

The Fighting Camels would not lead again, as the Apps increased their intensity in the second half along with their numbers. The Mountaineers raised their field goal percentage by nearly 10 percent to 48.3 percent (14-29), while raising their three-point game to 66.7 percent (2-3). The Mountaineer's largest lead of the night (15) with 1:59 remaining would also mark the final score of the contest at 69-54.

Raven Gary and Anna Freeman led the Apps with 17 points each. A. Freeman recorded her second consecutive double double with 12 rebounds, while Gary recorded four steals. Maryah Sydnor finished with 13 points of her own and four steals.

Baker paced the Camels with 13 points, including 4-4 from the line, and eight rebounds. Ashley James posted nine points, with Kiera Gaines and Jessica Moore adding seven each.

Campbell shot 31.7 percent (19-60) on the night, while the Mountaineers finished at 43.3 percent (26-60) from the floor, shooting 11-14 from the line.

Appalachian State will return to Minges Coliseum to face Norfolk State at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday for day two of the ECU Pirate Invitational.

GAME NOTES: This win marks the third consecutive victory for the Apps against Campbell, who now lead the series 11-7. Raven Gary shot a career-high 17 points against the Fighting Camels, and recorded four steals. Gary's 17 points marks her first double digit scoring game of the season. Anna Freeman recorded her 18th career double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds. The Apps held a slight edge in turnover points, grabbing 20 compared to Campbell's 11.

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ASU 69, CAMPBELL 54

Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Campbell 26 28 - 54

Appalachian State 32 37 - 69

CAMPBELL: GAINES 7 (7 REBOUNDS), JAMES 9 (7 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), LOVETTE 5, BAKER 13 (8 REBOUNDS, 3 ASSISTS), SPRY 5, EDWARDS 7 (4 ASSISTS), PRESLEY 6, COOPER 2. FG: 19-60, 3FG: 4-16, FT: 12-14. 38 REBOUNDS, 15 ASSISTS, 22 TURNOVERS.

ASU: SYDNOR 13 (6 REBOUNDS), A. FREEMAN 17 (12 REBOUNDS, 5 ASSISTS), GARY 17 (6 ASSISTS), C. FREEMAN 8, WOOD 6, SHARKEY 4, TAYLOR 2, HUFFMAN 2. FG: 26-60, 3FG: 6-14, FT: 11-14. 40 REBOUNDS, 20 ASSISTS, 18 TURNOVERS.

THREE POINTERS:

CAMPBELL - LOVETTE, BAKER, SPRY, EDWARDS.

ASU - SYDNOR, A. FREEMAN, GARY 2, WOOD 2.

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