

ASU Throttles ETSU

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Anna Freeman became the fourth all-time leading scorer in Appalachian State University women's basketball history (1,505). She tallied 13 points in

Tuesday's 85-57 victory over former conference foe East Tennessee State University. For the fourth straight time, Appalachian State (7-1, 1-0 SoCon) picked up a win against East Tennessee State, (2-4, 0-0) trouncing the Buccaneers and totaling its winning streak to six. Maryah Sydnor marked Appalachian's first points with a layup, and the Mountaineers maintained control from there, as the lead changed just twice in the contest. App entered an early nine point run (24-11) at 12:31 in the first half, but ETSU rallied with a quick four point burst late in the half with 3:33 remaining, trimming the Mountaineer lead to just three points (34-31). A pair of free-throws from ETSU's Shawn Randall brought the Bucs within two (38-36), before Katie Mallow dropped a pair of shots at the line to send App into halftime with a 40-36 advantage.

Sydnor paced the Black and Gold throughout the game and led the Mountaineers in scoring, contributing 23 points on the night; thirteen of those points came in the first half. Sydnor was one of four Mountaineers to record double-figures.

Tiana Burley, who lead the Bucs in scoring with 19 points, threw a layup at 12:59, giving the Buccaneers their only lead (50-49), before Appalachian increased the margin; leading by as much as 30 points in the second half of the contest. Courtney Freeman was once again an offensive standout, recording a double-double with 16 points and 14 rebounds; ten of which came on defense. Katie Mallow added 16 points of her own, and shot 3-3 from the line.

Despite a strong effort, the three-time defending Atlantic Sun champions were unable to climb back in the game, resulting in a 85-57 final for Appalachian State.

GAME NOTES: For the fifth time this season, ASU's offense went to work scoring 70+ points, while the Mountaineers' defense produced a strong effort limiting ETSU to just 57 points. The defense also held the Bucs to a meager 34.9 percent shooting percentage from the field and out-rebounded the A-Sun foe 47-34. The ETSU contest marks the 109th straight game that Applachian has forced 20+ turnovers. The Mountaineers shot 46.3 percent from the field, and an impressive 94.7 percent from the charity stripe. They recorded 38 points off of turnovers, and tallied 21 second-chance points.

Next up, the Black and Gold travel to Morgantown to face West Virginia on December 28.

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Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Appalachian State 40 45 - 85

ETSU 36 21 - 57

ASU: SHARKEY 6 (8 REBOUNDS), TAYLOR 6, SYDNOR 23, C. FREEMAN 16 (14 REBOUNDS), A. FREEMAN 13 (8 REBOUNDS, 8 ASSISTS), WOOD 3, MALLOW 16, HUFFMAN 2. FG: 31-67, 3FG: 5-15, FT: 18-19. 47 REBOUNDS, 20 ASSISTS, 24 TURNOVERS.

THREE-POINTERS: SYDNOR 3, WOOD, MALLOW.

ETSU: AUSTIN 2, McQUEEN 8 (4 ASSISTS), RANDALL 5, MITCHELL 9 (7 REBOUNDS), BOGARD 2, BURLEY 19 (13 REBOUNDS), BOND 6, BOWLING 2, KEMP 4. FG: 22-63, 3FG: 0-14, FT: 13-19. 34 REBOUNDS,. 12 ASSISTS, 25 TURNOVERS.

THREE-POINTERS: NONE

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