

## Mountaineers Pull One Out Against Cougars

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Appalachian State University women's basketball fought past a pesky College of Charleston squad to a 63-55 victory at TD Arena in Charleston on Friday night. Maryah Sydnor led the Mountaineers in scoring, while Courtney Freeman grabbed her

second double-double of the season as Appalachian improves to 11-3 overall and 5-1 in SoCon.

Sydnor matched her second highest game of the season with 21 points against the Cougars, while Anna Freeman added 17 for the Mountaineers. In a game that saw the first-half score knotted four times, the Mountaineers came out ahead. A pair of Megan Fischer free-throws would square up the score at 15 with 11:44 remaining in the half, and shift the momentum to College of Charleston, who ensued on a 9-0 run and pulled ahead by 11 (15-26). A jumper from Courtney Freeman at the 5:05 mark would pull things back into perspective for the Mountaineers, who unleashed on a 17-4 run to enter halftime with a two point lead (32-30). The Mountaineer offense persisted through the second half, controlling the lead until the 5:17 mark when a Jillian Bown free-throw edged the Cougars by one and allowed Charleston a quick glimpse of the lead. Raven Gary responded with a defensive rebound and a quick jumper to reclaim the upper-hand (52-51), but Charleston's Latisha Harris managed to knot the score with a free-throw shot (52-52). Anna Freeman quickly dissolved a possible Cougar-comeback when she drained a three with 3:02 remaining (55-52). Courtney Freeman's jumper at the 2:18 mark made it a two-possession game for App (57-52), while Maryah Sydnor sealed the win with three trips to the line (66-53).

The Apps shot just 39.3 percent on the night, but grabbed 45 rebounds against the Cougars. The win marks Appalachian's eighth-straight victory against College of Charleston.

Appalachian returns home to welcome UNCG Sunday at 2 p.m. before heading back on the road against Chattanooga and Samford on January 26 and 28, respectively.

**Game Notes:** Courtney Freeman earned her second double-double of the season, with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Anna Freeman poured in 17 points and shot 4-4 from the line. Maryah Sydnor knocked down 21 for the Mountaineers, and shot a perfect 8-8 at the charity stripe.

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### Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Appalachian State 32 31 - 63

Coll. of Charleston 30 25 - 55

**ASU:** C. FREEMAN 15 (10 REBOUNDS), A. FREEMAN 17 (7 REBOUNDS), GARY (6 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), MALLOW 2, SYDNOR 21. FG: 22-56, 3FG: 6-11, FT: 13-15. 45 REBOUNDS, 14 ASSISTS, 21 TURNOVERS.

THREE-POINTERS: A. FREEMAN 3, GARY 2, SYDNOR.

**COFC:** HARDY 11 (10 REBOUNDS), HARRIS 11 (8 REBOUNDS), FRYE 9 (3 ASSISTS), BROWN 4 (3 ASSISTS), FISCHER 12 (9 REBOUNDS), HEWATT 2, McKENZIE 2, HOPKINS 4. FG: 20-70, 3FG: 4-30, FT: 11-25. 48 REBOUNDS, 10 ASSISTS, 15 TURNOVERS.

THREE-POINTERS: FISCHER 2, FRYE, BROWN.

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