

Second-Half Surge Propels App Over UNCG

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A dominant second-half effort helped Appalachian State University women's basketball to a 81-58 win over Southern Conference foe UNCG on Sunday at the Holmes Center. The Mountaineers (12-3, 6-1

SoCon) trailed by as many as nine points in an uncharacteristically sloppy first half, but were able to regain momentum and down the Spartans (3-13, 0-7) for the seventh-straight time. UNCG came out firing in the first half, scoring the first points on a three-pointer from Lucy Mason and eventually building an 18-9 lead with 11:21 left in the first half.

Appalachian State would respond with five-straight points to pull within four (18-14), but the Spartans were again able to extend the lead to eight points (22-14) with just over nine minutes remaining.

The Mountaineers would come to life after that, reeling off an impressive 17-2 over the next four minutes to take a 31-24 lead and were never in danger after that as they took a 36-31 lead into the locker room.

It would be all Appalachian in the second half as the Mountaineers continued their momentum into the early minutes of the final period of play.

After UNCG cut the deficit to just four points on its second possession of the half, App State ripped off a 10-0 run to extend its lead to 47-33 and never led by less than 10 points after that. A bucket from KeKe Cooper at the 3:59 gave the Mountaineers their biggest lead of the day at 74-49 as Appalachian rolled to its fifth-straight win.

Anna Freeman finished with a game-high 18 points and ripped down seven rebounds while Maryah Sydnor notched a double-double with 12 points and 11 boards. Bria Huffman provided 11 points off the bench and Raven Gary dished out a career and game-high ten assists. UNCG was led in scoring by Janae' Patterson's 12 points and Lucy Mason added 12. The Mountaineers shot 46.2 percent (30-of-65) from the floor while holding the Spartans to just 32.3 percent (21-of-65) and pulled down 46 rebounds to UNCG's 41.

Appalachian State returns to action when it travels to Chattanooga for a 6 p.m. contest on Saturday.

Game Notes: Maryah Sydnor grabbed her second double-double of the season with 12 points and 11 rebounds, and for the fifth time this season Maryah was perfect from the charity stripe, shooting 4-4 at the line. Farrahn Wood recorded her first field-goal against a conference opponent, knocking down a set of three-point field goals, and grabbing nine points against the Spartans. After pulling down six free-throws against the Spartans, Anna Freeman moves up to Appalachian State's #5 all-time top ten leader in free throws. Kelsey Sharkey joins App State's all-time top ten as a block leader, after putting one up against the Spartans.

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ASU 81, UNCG 58

Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

UNC-Greensboro 31 27 - 58

Appalachian State 37 44 - 81

UNCG: HARMON 4 (8 REBOUNDS, 3 ASSISTS), STEVENSON 14 (9 REBOUNDS), PATTERSON 2 (3 ASSISTS), COLLINS 7, MASON 12, MISSOURI 5, SAVAGE 6, GOINS 8. FG: 21-65, 3FG: 3-14, FT: 13-24. 41 REBOUNDS, 12 ASSISTS, 22 REBOUNDS. THREE-POINTERS: MASON 2, COLLINS.

ASU: SYDNOR 12 (11 REBOUNDS), A. FREEMAN 18 (7 REBOUNDS), GARY 9 (10 ASSISTS), C. FREEMAN 6, MALLOW 7, WOOD 9, SHARKEY 2, TAYLOR 2, COOPER 5, HUFFMAN 11. FG: 30-65, 3FG: 5-23, FT: 16-21. 46 REBOUNDS, 19 ASSISTS, 20 TURNOVERS. THREE-POINTERS: WOOD 3, GARY, MALLOW.

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