Despite tallying two pins, Appalachian State University wrestling dropped its second-straight bout to a non-conference opponent in a 24-15 loss to Duke on Wednesday night at Card Gymnasium.

Redshirt sophomore Dominic Parisi and redshirt freshman Zack Strickland each nabbed third period pins at 125 pounds and 165 pounds, respectively, but the Mountaineers could find just one other win at 197 pounds.

Appalachian got on the scoreboard in the first bout of the night, as redshirt sophomore Paul Weiss earned a hard-fought 3-1 decision over Duke's Michael Chapman. For Weiss, it was his eight dual victory of the season.

After falling at heavyweight, Parisi brought the Mountaineers back with a pin at the 6:14 mark over Peter Terrezza. The win breaks a two-bout skid for the Concord, N.C. native as he earns his first pin since his opening match at the Southern Scuffle.

The Apps were unable to keep the momentum going, dropping four-straight bouts. As the dual entered 165, the Blue Devils controlled with a 17-9 lead.

Strickland looked to provide the spark needed, remaining perfect in duals for the season with a pin over Randy Roden. The Muncy, Pa. native earned his fifth pin and third in dual matches for the year.

Facing a 17-15 deficit, the Mountaineers came up short in the remaining bouts, eventually falling 24-15. The win gives the Blue Devils just its third win over Appalachian in a series that date back to the 1930s.

The Apps return to the High Country and tournament play, as they host the Appalachian Open on Saturday, Jan. 26. Action from Varsity Gymnasium will begin at 9 a.m.

DUKE 24, ASU 15

197: Paul Weiss (APP) dec. Michael Champman (DUKE), 3-1 (APP 3-0)
285: Brian Self (DUKE) dec. Joe Cummings (APP), 3-1 (TIE 3-3)
125: Dominic Parisi (APP) pinned Peter Terrezza (DUKE), (6:14) (APP 9-3)

133: Brandon Gambucci (DUKE) dec. Brett Boston (APP), 8-2 (APP 9-6)
141: Tanner Hough (DUKE) dec. Chris Johnson (APP), 8-7 (TIE 9-9)
149: Marcus Cain (DUKE) maj. dec. Zach Kechter (APP), 16-6 (DUKE 13-9)
157: Immanuel Kerr-Brown (DUKE) maj. dec. Aaron Scott (APP), 11-2 (DUKE 17-9)
165: Zack Strickland (APP) pinned Randy Roden (DUKE), (6:10) (DUKE 17-15)
174: Trey Adamson (DUKE) maj. dec. Colin Hedash (APP), 14-6 (DUKE 21-15)
184: Diego Bencomo (DUKE) dec. Jake Johnson (APP), 10-4 (DUKE 24-15)

BOUT-BY-BOUT

197: Weiss dec. Chapman, 3-1
After a scoreless opening period, Chapman earned an escape point 30 seconds into the second period. The wrestlers were deadlocked for the remainder of the period and Weiss trailed after two periods, 1-0. Weiss fought bought with a quick escape to open the third before earning a takedown with five seconds remaining to win, 3-1.

285: Self dec. Cummings, 3-1
Going scorless after the first period, Self opened scoring with an escape. After not scoring for the rest of the period, Cummings trailed 1-0 after two periods. Cummings earned an escape to draw even, but was taken down with three seconds left for Self's ninth win of the season.

125: Parisi pinned Terrezza

Parisi got on the scoreboard first when Terrezza was called for an illegal hold, but Terrezza got a late takedown to hold a 2-1 lead into the second period. After Parisi evened up the score with an escape, the wrestlers were tied 2-2 heading into the third period. Neither wrestler was able to gain an adnvatage until Parisi was able to bring down Terrezza and flip him over with a pin with just 46 seconds left in the bout.

133: Gam bucci dec. Boston

An early takedown by Gambucci gave the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead after the opening period. An early takedown and a stall called against Boston gave Gambucci a commanding 5-0 lead. After a Boston escape, Gambucci added to his lead and took a 7-1 score into the final period. Boston held on to prevent a major decision as Gambucci only managed the riding time point for the 8-2 decision.

141: Hough dec. Johnson

Holding a 6-2 lead in the second period, Johnson fought himself back into the match in front of a hometown crowd. Johnson earned an escape and a takedown with a second left to face a 6-5 deficit in the final period. After giving Hough an escape, Johnson earned a takedown to tie the bout, 7-7. Hough earned an escape and was the deciding point as Hough hung on to a 8-7 decision.

149: Cain maj. dec. Kechter

Cain never gave up his lead throughout the bout, keeping Kechter from earning a takedown. Cain tallied seven takedowns and the riding point to win, 16-6.

157: Kerr-Brown maj. dec. Scott
Scott faced a 3-1 deficit heading into the final period, but was unable to keep up with Kerr-Brown. Kerr-Brown scored seven points in the final period to win, 11-2.

165: Strickland pinned Roden
After cruising to a 10-1 lead after the opening period, Strickland added a three-point near fall in the second to lead, 13-1. Strickland grabbed his fifth pin of the season with 50 seconds left in the bout.

174: Adamson maj. dec. Hedash
Fighting himself back into the bout, Hedash faced a 7-5 deficit after the second period. Adamson took command in the final period, rattling off seven points to win, 14-6.

184: Bencomo dec. Johnson
Bencomo tallied two takedowns in the first period and took a 4-1 lead into the second period. After a third Bencomo takedown, Johnson came back with a two escape points and a stall point and faced a 6-4 deficit. Two late takedowns by Bencomo brought the score to 8-4 and he went on to win, 10-4.