

ASU Blanked By No. 11 Virginia, 42-0

Written by Brandon McGinnis
Saturday, 09 February 2013 21:24

Appalachian State University wrestling came close in a few bouts, but was unable to keep up with No. 11 Virginia, falling to the Cavaliers, 42-0, Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gymnasium. The Mountaineers drop their third-straight dual and

move to 6-6 on the season, before returning to Southern Conference play on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at VMI. The 42 points scored by the Cavaliers is the most an Appalachian team has given up since the 2009 Lone Star Duals when the Apps fell to Oklahoma, 43-3.

With the loss, it is just the second time in the JohnMark Bentley era the Mountaineers were unable to find the scoreboard. The last time Appalachian was shutout was in last season's Lone Star Duals when it dropped to No. 12 Oklahoma, 41-0.

With the dual beginning at 149 pounds, freshman Zach Kechter posted one of his better performances of the season, allowing No. 20 Derek Valenti just one point in the opening bout. Kechter failed to tally a point, but held Valenti to the 1-0 decision.

At 197 pounds, redshirt sophomore Paul Weiss held his opponent to just two points, but failed to score a point in his second-straight bout. For Weiss, it was his fourth loss in a dual this year.

No. 11 Virginia (14-3) exhibited its dominance throughout the dual, claiming two pins, one technical fall, and four major decisions. Junior Chris Johnson forced the final decision, falling to UVa's Joseph Spisak, 9-3, at 141 pounds and the final bout of the afternoon.

App State returns to its SoCon slate, traveling to the site of this season's conference championships, Lexington, Va. for a key dual with VMI. Action against the Keydets is set for 7:30 p.m.

No. 11 Virginia (14-3) 42, Appalachian State (6-6), 0

Feb. 9, 2013 | Charlottesville, Va. | Memorial Gymnasium

149: No. 20 Derek Valenti (UVa) dec. Zach Kechter (APP), 1-0 (UVa 3-0)

157: No. 15 Jedd Moore (UVa) tech. fall Aaron Scott (APP), 19-1 (UVa 8-0)

165: Blaise Butler (UVa) maj. dec. Collins Creech (APP), 16-6 (UVa 12-0)

174: No. 16 Jonathon Fausey (UVa) maj. dec. Colin Hedash (APP), 10-2 (UVa 16-0)

184: Stephen Doty (UVa) pinned Jesse Johnson (APP), (2:41) (UVa 22-0)

197: Zach Nye (UVa) dec. Paul Weiss (APP), 2-0 (UVa 25-0)

285: Derek Papagianopoulos (UVa) maj. dec. Joe Cummings (APP), 10-2 (UVa 29-0)

125: No. 10 Matthew Snyder (UVa) pinned Dominic Parisi (APP), (4:46) (UVa 35-0)

133: No. 14 Geroge DiCamillo (UVa) maj. dec. Brett Boston (APP), 11-1 (UVa 39-0)

141: Joseph Spisak (UVa) dec. Chris Johnson (APP), 9-3 (UVa 42-0)