

ASU Women Sweep Season Series From Cougars

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Kelsey Sharkey's career day propelled Appalachian State to a 74-65 win against Southern Conference foe College of Charleston on Wednesday night at the Holmes Center.

Courtney Freeman led the Mountaineers (18-6, 12-4 SoCon) in scoring with 19 points to edge the Cougars (12-14, 8-9 SoCon) for a season-sweep.

The Mountaineers jumped to a quick 10-6 lead following a 6-0 run at 16:21 in the first, but CofC would persist and eventually climb back ahead by three (16-13) with 12:34 remaining. The Cougars would maintain control until a Keke Cooper layup placed Appalachian ahead (22-20) with 7:35 left in the first. Appalachian controlled the remainder of the period and held CofC to just 32.4 percent shooting (11-for-34) in the first half on its way to a 37-30 halftime lead.

Appalachian maintained control throughout the second period, earning their first double-digit lead early off a pair of Sharkey free-throws (40-30). Charleston would continue to fight and cut the Mountaineer lead down to seven (46-39) with 12:45 on the clock. The Apps responded and pushed the lead to as many as 19 points (67-48) following a Katie Mallow layup with 4:10 remaining in the period. Despite fatigue across the bench, the Cougars climbed back within 10 (71-61) with less than a minute remaining in the period to score twice more, but the Mountaineers would close with a 74-65 victory.

Kelsey Sharkey recorded a career-high five blocks and tied her career high of 14 points.

Courtney Freeman led all players in scoring with 19 points on the night, while Anna Freeman finished with 18 points and 18 rebounds, while putting up five blocks for the Mountaineers and grabbing three steals.

Cathryn Hardy paced College of Charleston with 17 points and nine boards. Afreyea Tolbert pulled down nine rebounds as well, along with four steals.

Appalachian shot 41.5 percent (27-for-65) on the night, while CofC connected on just 29.1 percent (23-for-79) of its shots.

Game Notes: Seniors Anna Freeman and Kelsey Sharkey recorded double-doubles in the Mountaineers' victory. Appalachian finished with three players in double-digits, including Sharkey, A. Freeman, and C. Freeman. The Mountaineers pulled down a season-high 54 rebounds, and scored 44 points in the paint to Charleston's 26. The Apps shot 76 percent (19-for-25) from the line, and put up 10 blocks and six steals for the night.

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Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Coll. of Charleston 30 35 - 65

Appalachian State 37 37 - 74

COFC: HARDY 17 (9 REBOUNDS), HAYES 1, FRYE 11, TOLBERT 15 (9 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), BROWN 3, McKENZIE 2, HINES 3, HOPKINS 9 (8 REBOUNDS), FISCHER 4. FG: 23-79, 3FG: 6-23, FT: 13-22. 51 REBOUNDS, 15 ASSISTS, 16 TURNOVERS. THREE-POINTERS: FRYE 3, HARDY 2, HINES.

ASU: SHARKEY 14 (14 REBOUNDS), C. FREEMAN 19, A.FREEMAN 18 (18 REBOUNDS, 5 ASSISTS), GARY 5, SYDNOR 4, WOOD 3, MALLOW 9, COOPER 2. FG: 27-65, 3FG: 1-7, FT: 19-25. 54 REBOUNDS, 13 ASSISTS, 18 TURNOVERS. THREE-POINTERS: WOOD.

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