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The Appalachian State University Mountaineers have had their share of fame this season.

Already the two-time national title winners have appeared on virtually every sports show in the nation and graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated*. But after last Saturday, some fans wonder if the *Sports Illustrated* jinx is causing trouble at the Rock.

Millions of superstitious readers believe an appearance on *Sports Illustrated's* cover is the kiss of death: but is that what happened last Saturday?

Chancellor Kenneth Peacock says it's too early to tell.

"The season is still not over," he says.

Last Saturday's loss against Georgia Southern crushed ASU's record breaking 30-home game streak. It started with the loss against Wofford. Gradually, the team that changed college football with its September 34-32 victory over Michigan began to fizzle, sports writers have said.

If it's the curse, was it worth it?

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“It’s worth it in the coverage the institution got from that... regardless of what happens on the field, here or when we travel, no one can take that victory away from us,” he says.

The recognition wasn’t just about the Mountaineers, Peacock says.

The victory brought attention to the Southern Conference as a whole- proving talented athletes exist at schools like Elon, Wofford and Appalachian.

As for Saturday’s game against Furman? Peacock is keeping positive. He’s still proud to be a Mountaineer, and still believes ASU has a shot at a third national title.