

Appalachian State Holds Early Lead in Cup Race

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Appalachian State University men's athletics programs hold an early lead in the race for the Southern Conference Commissioner's Cup, following the end of the fall sports seasons, the league office announced on Tuesday.

The SoCon annually awards the Commissioner's Cup and Germann Cup to the top men's and women's program, respectively, in the league based on a points system. Each school receives points based on their finish during the regular season and is awarded two extra points for winning the conference tournament.

The Mountaineers, winners of 30 Commissioner's Cups overall, including 17 of the last 18, were conference champions in 2-of-3 fall sports, football and cross country.

Appalachian was awarded 11.5 points for football, 12 for cross country and 8.5 for soccer, which finished in a tie for fourth. ASU has a total of 32 points heading into the winter and spring.

Furman is in second place with 26 points following a regular season championship in men's soccer as the Paladins tied with College of Charleston and UNCG.

Elon (24.5 points) holds a half-point advantage over UNCG (24) for third place. The Spartans captured the men's soccer regular season co-championship and tournament title and finished second in cross country.

Fifth-place Wofford (19.5) shared the football championship with Appalachian.

Chattanooga (19), College of Charleston (16), Davidson (16) and Georgia Southern (14) rounded out the sixth through ninth spots, respectively, followed by Western Carolina (10.5), Samford (10) and The Citadel (7.5).

On the Germann Cup side, ASU's women are in fifth place after tallying 11 points for a second-place finish in cross country, seven for volleyball and 4.5 for soccer to give the Mountaineers a total of 22.5 points.

UNCG leads the race after the Spartans collected 33 points with regular season and tournament championships in soccer, coupled with a second-place finish in volleyball's North Division and a third place standing in cross country.

Samford (28), who were winners of last year's Germann Cup, sit in second place after winning the cross country title and finishing second in soccer. North Division volleyball champion Elon

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(27) is in third place on the ledger, narrowly leading volleyball's South Division champions, College of Charleston (26).

Furman (21) resides in the sixth, while Davidson (16), Chattanooga (14), The Citadel (13), Georgia Southern (13), Wofford (10.5) and Western Carolina (8) rounded out the rest of the conference.