

## Football Fall Camp Report: Aug. 9

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Appalachian State University football held its first practice of the season in full pads on Tuesday afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

After two days of work in helmets and shorts and two days in helmets and shoulder pads, Appalachian got acclimated to full pads with a two-and-a-half hour practice on a relatively cool afternoon in the High Country.

Junior-college transfer Steven Miller continued to be one of the most talked-about players in camp on Tuesday, as the 5-9, 180-pound running back displayed the same speed in full pads that made him a sensation in the first days of camp. During 11-on-11 drills near the end of practice, Miller broke off two long touchdowns. On his first score, he squirted through a hole on the right side of the line and turned on the afterburners to leave all defenders in his wake en route to a 40-yard touchdown. Later in the period, he caught a short swing pass from Jamal Jackson, made several defenders whiff on tackles and then used his speed to scamper up the right sideline for another 40-yard score.

Senior Travaris Cadet had a good afternoon as well, especially considering it was his first day with a helmet on after having his wisdom teeth removed a couple weeks ago. Outside of Miller's electrifying scores, Cadet made perhaps the best offensive play of the day against an otherwise stingy ASU defense when he picked up about 15 yards on a sweep off left tackle.

Outside of Miller's and Cadet's long gains, ASU's offense didn't muster much against the Mountaineer defense during 11-on-11 drills. True freshman linebacker Jamal Ware was especially impressive on the defensive side of the ball, with several stops including a vicious hit on a handoff deep in the ASU backfield.

Wednesday brings another fall-camp milestone with the first day of two-a-day practices.

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**INJURY REPORT:** Junior tight end Jey Yokeley will undergo season-ending surgery on Wednesday to repair a back injury sustained during non-contact drills on Monday.

Yokeley's is the second season-ending injury endured by a Mountaineer during the early days of practice. Walk-on freshman Mo Gore sustained a season-ending leg injury during a non-contact drill on Sunday.

**PREFERRED WALK-ONS ADDED TO ROSTER:** A slate of 21 true freshmen have been officially added to Appalachian's 2011 roster as preferred walk-ons. While not on scholarship, preferred walk-ons are permitted to be among the 95 student-athletes that participate in practice prior to the start of the academic year.

Thirteen members of ASU's incoming class of preferred walk-ons have practiced with the squad since fall camp began last Friday — OL Alex Acey (Clay, Ala./Clay-Chalkville), RB Steven Bevilacqua (Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Catholic), OL Ben Carrion (Franklin, N.C./Franklin), OL Jesse Chapman (Cookeville, Tenn./Cookeville), DB Drew Davies (Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell), LB Drew Dowdy (Lewisburg, W. Va./Greenbrier East), WR Mo Gore (Boone, N.C./Watauga — will redshirt after sustaining a season-ending leg injury on the third day of practice), WR Trey Kavanaugh (Boone, N.C./Watauga), LB Stephen Machanic (Summerfield, N.C./Northern Guilford), WR Simms McElfresh (Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Christian), DB Chris Shaffer (Charlotte, N.C./Providence), WR Seth Sloan (Boone, N.C./Watauga) and WR John Sullivan (Lake Worth, Fla./Lake Worth).

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Eight more — WR Austin Fowler (Elizabeth City, N.C./Northeastern), LS Brett Heimrich (Southern Pines, N.C./Pinecrest), DB Matt McConnell (Winston-Salem, N.C./Mount Tabor), WR Cody Owenby (Asheville, N.C./A.C. Reynolds), WR Andy Shuler (Rockingham, N.C./Richmond Senior), LB Devin Slate (Pilot Mountain, N.C./East Surry), LB Will Smith (Charlotte, N.C./Providence Day) and DB Jamil Thomas (Winston-Salem, N.C./Carver) — have not begun practicing with the team but are eligible to do so should a spot in the 95-man camp roster open prior to the start of classes on Aug. 23. Once class opens at ASU, all members of the squad can begin practicing with the team.

**COBB NAMED VP OF FCS ADA:** ASU director of athletics Charlie Cobb has been selected to serve as the third vice president of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) in 2011-12.

The FCS ADA's mission is to enhance NCAA Division I FCS football. Cobb joins president Marilyn McNeil (Monmouth), first vice president Ron Stollo (Youngstown State) and second VP Brian Hutchinson (Morehead State) as the organization's officers for the upcoming academic year.

In June, Cobb, 43, was named the 2011 NCAA Division I FCS Southeast Region Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). He is in his seventh year at Appalachian.

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