

Football Fall Camp Report: Aug. 10

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Appalachian State University football wrapped up the first day of two-a-day practices with a 38-play intrasquad scrimmage on Wednesday afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

The scrimmage featured terrific showings on both sides of the ball with Appalachian's offense racking up 166 yards (4.4 yards per play) with two touchdowns and a field goal in 10 series. However, ASU's defense was dominant for much of the afternoon, limiting the offense to negative-27 yards over a six-possession stretch in the middle of the scrimmage.

The Mountaineer offense burst out of the gates, needing just three plays to score from 55 yards out on its first possession. Senior running back Cedric Baker Boney opened with a 19-yard run, followed by a 16-yard scamper off left tackle by senior running back Travaris Cadet and a 20-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback DeAndre Presley that capped the impressive drive.

It was more of the same to start the next series, as the offense marched all the way to the two yard line, thanks in large part to a 38-yard pass on a third-and-eight play from Presley to senior wide receiver Brian Quick. However, ASU's defense stuffed Baker Boney for no gain on first and goal from the two then senior nose tackle Dan Wylie stuffed junior running back Michael Frazier for a three-yard loss to set up third and goal. On third and goal, Wylie led a charge that included junior linebacker Jeremy Kimbrough and freshman safety Henry Barnes to pressure Presley into an incomplete pass on a fade attempt to Quick, ending the scoring threat.

The goal-line stand proved to be a spark for the ASU defense, which thoroughly dominated the next six series. After a two-yard run by junior-college transfer Steven Miller on the first snap after the goal-line stand, the Mountaineer defense did not surrender positive yardage for 12-straight plays. During that stretch, the Apps recorded three sacks, seven tackles for loss, two pass break-ups and recovered a fumble. Senior linebacker Demery Brewer and junior lineman Nick Canepa were in on two tackles for loss apiece, senior Gordy Witte, Jr. and freshman Stephen Burns each recorded solo sacks and junior linebacker Lanston Tanyi recovered a fumble to headline the defensive onslaught.

Appalachian's offense got back on track in a big way when backup quarterback Jamal Jackson hit Quick for a 50-yard touchdown pass on a third-and-five play on the next-to-last possession of the scrimmage. On the final series, a 14-yard pass from Presley to Quick helped set up a

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39-yard field goal by freshman Zach Matics that capped the entertaining scrimmage.

In all, ASU completed 5-of-9 passes for 110 yards while the Mountaineer defense allowed just 56 yards on 29 rushes. Quick hauled in four of the afternoon's five completions for 107 yards and a touchdown while Presley completed 3-of-5 passes for 55 yards and ran three times for a team-best 31 yards to pace the offense.

Appalachian returns to the practice field for one workout on Thursday, followed by another two-a-day on Friday.

INTRASQUAD SCRIMMAGE STATISTICS

Passing

Presley 3-5-0, 55 yds.; Jackson 2-3-0, 55 yds., TD; K. Barnes 0-1-0, 0 yds.

Rushing

Presley 3-31, TD; Baker Boney 5-28; Cadet 5-19; Miller 6-1; Frazier 3-1; Smith 1-(-2); K. Barnes 2-(-4); McLean 1-(-5), Team 1-(-5); Jackson 2-(-8)

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Receiving

Quick 4-107, TD; Cadet 1-3

Sacks

Burns; Witte, Jr.; Canepa 0.5; McGowan 0.5

Tackles For Loss

Brewer; Burns; Canepa; Harris; Witte, Jr.; Wylie; McGowan 0.5; Scott 0.5; Tanyi 0.5; Ware 0.5

Pass Break-ups

McDuffie; Rizor; Sanders

Fumble Recovery

Tanyi