

Football Fall Camp Report: Aug. 13

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Appalachian State University wrapped up a grueling nine-day stretch with a 113-play intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

Saturday's 113 plays came over 25 series, not including extensive special-teams and red-zone work. Like Appalachian's less-lengthy mid-week scrimmages, Saturday's intrasquad battle included impressive performances on both sides of the ball.

ASU's offense racked up 578 yards over 113 snaps (5.1 yards per play) and found the end zone five times in 25 possessions. On the other side of the ball, the defense turned in eight three-and-outs and forced five turnovers.

As has been the case for much of the first 11 practices of the year, senior wide receiver Brian Quick (Columbia, S.C./Ridge View) was the offensive star on Saturday. The 6-5, 220-pounder led the Mountaineers with six catches for 109 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown. In three scrimmages over the past four days, Quick has amassed 12 receptions for 262 yards and three touchdowns.

Defending Southern Conference Offensive Player of the Year DeAndre Presley (Tampa, Fla./Middleton) also continued his strong preseason with 251 yards of total offense. He ran six times for 58 yards, including a 57-yard jaunt on the day's opening series, and completed 14-of-26 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns — the 54-yarder to Quick and a 28-yarder to redshirt freshman Logan Hallock (Ferguson, N.C./West Wilkes).

In all, Appalachian's three quarterbacks — Presley, sophomore Jamal Jackson (Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta) and redshirt freshman Kalik Barnes (Atlanta, Ga./Parkview) — completed 26-of-53 passes for 336 yards and four touchdowns, totals that could have been even higher if not for an uncharacteristic six drops by ASU's pass-catching corps. Jackson, who completed 10-of-20 passes for 116 yards, accounted for the Mountaineers' other two touchdown connections — a 14-yarder to redshirt freshman tight end Trevor Sawyer (Asheville, N.C./Asheville) and a 33-yarder to true freshman Sean Price (Reston, Va./South Lakes). Price ranked behind only Quick with three receptions for 65 yards.

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On the ground, Presley's 58 yards led all ASU rushers. Walk-on sophomore Travis Wilson (Rose Hill, N.C./Harrells Academy) added 46 yards on 11 carries while Jackson, senior Cedric Baker Boney (Wilmington, N.C./New Hanover) and junior Terrence McLean (Laurinburg, N.C./Scotland County) chipped in with 37, 33 and 30 yards, respectively. McLean scored the afternoon's only rushing touchdown from two yards out.

Defensively, junior linebacker Jeremy Kimbrough (Decatur, Ga./Cedar Grove) had a big day with an interception, fumble recovery and pass break-up to go along with several tackles. True freshmen Thomas Bronson (Brooksville, Fla./Hernando) and Jamal Ware (Tyrone, Ga./Sandy Creek) teamed up for the defensive play of the day when Bronson forced a fumble with a big hit on McLean that Ware scooped up and returned 30 yards for the only defensive score of the day.

Senior defensive tackle Anthony Wilson (Essex, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel) recovered a fumble and freshman defensive back Doug Middleton (Winston-Salem, N.C./Parkland) intercepted a pass in the red zone to account for the other two takeaways.

After nine-straight days on the practice field to open fall camp, the Mountaineers enjoy an off day on Sunday before returning to the field for two practices on Monday.

INTRASQUAD SCRIMMAGE STATISTICS

Passing

Presley 14-26-2, 193 yds., 2 TD; Jackson 10-20-0, 116 yds., 2 TD; K. Barnes 2-7-0, 27 yds.

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Rushing

Presley 6-58; T. Wilson 11-46; Jackson 5-37; Baker Boney 7-33; McLean 7-30; Cadet 3-18; Frazier 3-9; Miller 8-8; Smith 5-5; K. Barnes 2-(-2)

Receiving

Quick 6-109, TD; Price 3-65, TD; Hallock 3-38, TD; Cadet 3-32; Sawyer 3-30; Baker 2-3; McElfresh 1-17; Sullivan 1-15; Thompson 1-12; Beathard 1-7; Frazier 1-4; Sloan 1-4

Interceptions

Kimbrough; Middleton

Forced Fumble

Bronson; Gainey

Fumble Recovery

Kimbrough; Ware; A. Wilson

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Sacks

McDuffie; Aiken 0.5; Tanyi 0.5

Tackles for Loss

Harris; McDuffie; McGowan; Aiken 0.5; Lloyd 0.5; Ross 0.5; Tanyi 0.5

Pass Break-ups

Witte, Jr. 2; H. Barnes; Gainey; Grier; Kimbrough; Middleton