

## Hokies Rout ASU In Season Opener

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The opening series of the game set the tone for the rest of the day for the Appalachian State University football team.

Quarterback Deandre Presley fumbled on ASU's (0-1) second play of the game, the Hokies recovered and scored 43 seconds later for a 7-0 lead. And it was all downhill from there as Virginia Tech (1-0), ranked 13th in the country in the Associated Press Top 25 poll in the Football Bowl Division Series, blasted ASU 66-13 in front of 66,233 fans at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Va. The Hokies dominated ASU in every facet of the game.

They out-gained ASU 518-293, and the Hokies also forced four turnovers. Running back David Wilson paced the ground attack as the junior from Danville, Va., ran for 162 yards on 16 carries and scored three times. He averaged more than 10-yards a carry, which included a 48-yard burst. The Hokies put the contest out of reach by taking a commanding 17-0 lead in the opening stanza.

"It was an awful afternoon," said ASU coach Jerry Moore. "We fumbled the ball away on the second play of the game, and it got worse and worse from there."

The Hokies turned the game into a blowout with a 21-point explosion in the second quarter to take a 38-0 lead at the intermission. An interception by Jeron Gouveia-Winslow set up Wilson's second touchdown of the day, a 19-yard run that made it 24-0; and Wilson capped off a 97-yard scoring drive with a three-yard run with 2:23 to play in the first half for a 31-0 advantage. A 55-yard pass from quarterback Logan Thomas to wide receiver Marcus Davis was the big play on the drive. Davis finished the day with three catches for 140 yards and three touchdowns.

"They made seven or eight big plays in the first 20-25 minutes of the game," Moore said. "They also marched the ball down the field on us for 97 yards and scored. It was indicative of the type of day it was. Virginia Tech is a very good football team, and (Hokies coach Frank) Beamer and his staff did a great job preparing for us. They respected us, and they were prepared to play us." The Mountaineers only had 62 yards offensively in the first half. Presley provided most of that yardage. He was 6-12 passing for 30 yards with an interception; he led the Mountaineers with 22 rushing yards on nine carries. It was ASU's worst opening day loss since a 53-7 drubbing by Wyoming on September 4, 2004. It's also the second time in school history that ASU has given up 60 points in a game. The school record for most points allowed in a game is 72 (in a 72-14 loss against Chattanooga on October 7, 1978).

"We wasted four hours of our time this afternoon, if we don't learn from this," Moore said.

"What's most important right now is us. Not a quarterback, not a receiver, not a coach, but us as a team. We must find out just what type of team we have, and what type of team we can be. We have the players here to be very good."

One bright spot was wide receiver Brian Quick, who caught three passes for 110 yards and a touchdown. He hooked up with Jamal Jackson, who came on for Presley in the third quarter, on a 46-yard scoring pass for ASU's first points of the afternoon. Jackson also scored ASU's final touchown on a 15-yard run in the fourth quarter.

"It's tough to take an L," Jackson said. "But we have to learn from this game, put it behind us and focus on our next game with (North Carolina) A&T. We have a lot to work on right now."

**NOTES:** ASU has lost four consecutive games to FBS schools (Florida, Virginia Tech, LSU and

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East Carolina) since beating Michigan in 2007.....Sam Martin, who had a punt blocked in the third quarter, averaged 45 yards on eight punts.....Steven Miller, the junior college transfer from New Jersey, finally got to play in the third quarter and had 15 yards on two carries.....Defensively, Troy Sanders had ten tackles; Brandon Grier had eight stops, including one tackle-for-loss.....Long snapper Wilson Fitchett, a pre-season All-America, suffered a sprained ankle in the first half and did not return. Fitchett was on the sidelines on crutches, but according to team reports, he was putting weight on his right ankle.....the Apps return home to play North Carolina A&T next Saturday, September 10. It will be the sixth meeting between the schools. ASU owns a 4-1 lead in the series.....Head coach Jerry Moore is 19-3 in home openers.

### SCORING:

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Appalachian State	0	0	6	7	-	13
Virginia Tech	17	21	21	7	-	66

VATECH David Wilson 20 yd run (Cody Journell kick)

VATECH Cody Journell 28 yd FG

VATECH Josh Oglesby 4 yd run (Cody Journell kick)

VATECH David Wilson 19 yd run (Cody Journell kick)

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VATECH David Wilson 3 yd run (Cody Journell kick)

VATECH Randall Dunn 7 yd pass from Logan Thomas (Cody Journell kick)

VATECH Jarrett Boykin 4 yd pass from Logan Thomas (Cody Journell kick)

VATECH Kyle Fuller 0 yd blocked punt return (Cody Journell kick)

**APLST Brian Quick 46 yd pass from Jamal Jackson (kick failed)**□

VATECH Marcus Davis 22 yd pass from Mark Leal (Cody Journell kick)

**APLST Jamal Jackson 15 yd run (Sam Martin kick)**□

VATECH Marcus Davis 63 yd pass from Mark Leal (Cody Journell kick)

### STATISTICS:

TOTAL OFFENSE: ASU 293, VT 518  
RUSHING YARDS: ASU 117, VT 256  
PASSING YARDS" ASU 176, VT 262  
TURNOVERS: ASU 4, VT 0  
TIME OF POSS.: ASU 25:24, VT 34:06  
3RD DOWN EFF.: ASU 6/17, VT 9/16  
4TH DOWN EFF.: ASU 0/0. VT 0-1

RUSHING: ASU - JACKSON 6-46-1TD, PRESLEY 13-43; VT - WILSON 16-162-3TD,  
OGLESBY 10-46

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PASSING: ASU - PRESLEY 7-18-89-2 INT, JACKSON 2-8-87-1TD-1INT; VT - THOMAS 9-16-149-2TD, LEAL 6-9-113-2TD

RECEIVING: ASU - QUICK 3-110-1TD; VT - DAVIS 3-140-2TD, ROBERTS 3-45, COLES 4-29