

ASU Women's Soccer Edges Longwood in 2OT

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With less than two minutes remaining in the second overtime period, freshman Julia Holz (Marietta, Ga./Walton) scored the game's only goal as Appalachian State women's soccer edged Longwood, 1-0, on Sunday afternoon.

Mountaineers improve to 2-4-0 on the year, while the Lancers slide to 1-3-2.

Longwood made aggressive strides in the first half, earning three shots and three corners in the first 12 minutes. The Mountaineers controlled the action late in the period, notching a pair of shots and a corner to close the half.

ASU added five shots in the second half, but Longwood keeper Kyra Byron stifled the attack, and the game advanced to overtime.

Senior Katy Dodd (Apex, N.C./Apex) took the only shot by either team in the first extra period, but her shot drifted wide right, and the teams prepared to play 10 final minutes.

ASU senior Sydney Hill (Alpharetta, Ga./Chattahoochee) put a shot on goal 30 seconds into the final stanza, but Byron made yet another save. Longwood responded with a shot on goal minutes later.

With 94 seconds to play, Leah Drawdy (Waxhaw, N.C./Cuthbertson) injected a pass in front of the Lancers' goal. Dodd put a foot on it, and Holz made the final redirect to put the ball in the back of the net to give ASU its second win of the season. The goal was her second of the season.

With the draw, ASU keeper Amy Kolowsky (Columbia, S.C./Spring Valley) earned the first shutout of her college career; she totaled a season-best eight saves.

Appalachian plays its next home game at home in one week when the Mountaineers host UNC Asheville on Sunday, September 11 at ASU Soccer Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

ASU Men's Soccer Falls to Mercer

In its first road game of the season, Appalachian State men's soccer fell, 2-0, to Mercer on Sunday. With the loss, the Mountaineers slip to 1-2-0 on the year, while Mercer gets its first win to improve to 1-1-1.

Mercer applied the offensive pressure early, notching two shots within the first two minutes. The

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Mountaineers fought off four early corner kicks, to keep the game scoreless midway through the first period.

In the 37th minute, an aggressive foul inside the box gave Mercer a penalty kick attempt, and junior Josh Shutter converted for his first goal of the season.

In the second half, a throw-in by Shutter proved significant, as Will Betts was able to get his head on the ball and deflect it into the Appalachian goal to give the Bears a 2-0 lead.

ASU responded with seven shots in the second half, but Mercer held on to pick up its first win of the season. Sekani Sinclair (Parkland, Fla./Marjory Stoneman Douglas) and David Dodge (Oviedo, Fla./Oviedo) each notched a pair of shots in the game.

Goalkeeper Danny Free (Doncaster, England/Hall Cross School) made his collegiate debut for ASU, tallying four saves on the day.

Appalachian hits the road again next weekend for the Davidson/adidas classic. The Mountaineers face Gardner-Webb on Friday, Sept. 9 and Detroit on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Broncs Out Run Mountaineers, 7-1

Rider defeated Appalachian State field hockey 7-1 on Sunday morning in Harrisonburg, Va. The Broncs' Virginia Egusquiza scored the first goal of the game in the fifth minute. Rider struck again in the ninth minute off a penalty corner goal by Sandra Penas. The Broncs took 6-0 lead into halftime by goals from Gabby Burgo, Penas and a pair of goals by Marlaine Schneider. Rider's Stephanie McGintly tagged on another goal in the 54th minute. The Mountaineers would get on the board with a goal from freshman Brooklyn Shearer.

The Black and Gold drops to 0-3 as the Broncs improve to 3-0.

ASU travels to Louisville Ky. next weekend to face-off with Missouri State on September 10 and Louisville on Sept. 11.