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ASU junior Harrison Delbridge (Raleigh, N.C. / Needham Broughton) delivered a goal in the 82nd minute to lift Appalachian State men's soccer (3-2-1) to a 1-0 upset over Coastal Carolina (4-2-0) at the Coastal Carolina/adidas Tournament on Friday.

Though not ranked nationally, Coastal Carolina defeated No. 16 VCU last weekend and had received votes in the latest NSCAA poll.

In the first half, the teams each tallied three shots, though the Mountaineers put two of their three on goal. Coastal Carolina's aggressive play warranted eight fouls while ASU was only whistled three times.

After a scoreless first half, play continued deep into the second stanza with the threat of extra time looming. The Chanticleers out-shot the Black and Gold by a 7-2 margin but only managed a pair on goal.

With less than 10 minutes remaining, Appalachian's throw-in specialist Mark Bridges (Morganton, N.C. / East Burke) injected a throw from the left, and Delbridge's shot found the right side of the net for his first goal of the season.

Coastal's final shot came in the closing seconds, but the effort was wide, and Appalachian cruised to its second-consecutive win.

ASU sophomore keeper Danny Free (Doncaster, England / Hall Cross School) saved both shots he faced and preserved his third-straight shutout. David Dodge (Oviedo, Fla. / Oviedo) finished with a team-high three shots for the Mountaineers.

With the win, Appalachian's all-time series record against Coastal Carolina evens at 1-1-1, following two previous contests in the 1980's.

The Mountaineers now look forward to close out the tournament with a matchup against Hartwick on Sunday, Sept. 18 at noon.

ASU Men Finish Second in Mountaineer Open

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Appalachian State men's cross country as they finished second in the seven team Mountaineer Open at the State Farms Fields on Friday evening.

The Mountaineers were led by junior Alex Taylor, who finished third. Taylor ran the 6,400m course in a career-best time of 19:38.2. Fellow junior Will Raby crossed the finish line with a time of 19:50 for a seventh-place finish. Taylor and Raby were followed by Nick Kelly, Brian Graves, and Chris Garrett, who finished 20th, 21st and 22nd respectively.

The 26th ranked Ohio State claimed the meet title with 21 points as ASU finished second with 64 points. The Apps were followed by Division II Queens University (N.C.) (100 pts.) and Northern Kentucky (106 pts.). ETSU finished in fifth place as ASU's arch rivals Western Carolina took sixth place.

The Mountaineers have next weekend off and return to action on September 30 for the Paul Short Run meet.

ASU Women Finish Second in Mountaineer Open

Today was a day of personal bests for Appalachian State women's cross country as they finished second in the six team Mountaineer Open at the State Farms Fields on Friday evening. The Mountaineers were led by a pair of juniors, Amanda Hamilton and Sarah Williamson, who finished seventh and eighth respectively. Hamilton recorded a personal best with a time of 18:26.9 as well as Williamson with a time of 18:27.8. Redshirt freshmen Justine Stocks rounded out the meet's top-15 with a personal best time of 18:41 for 15th place. Hannah Orders and Kayla Schneider rounded out the Mountaineers' top-five with 17th place and 19th place respectively. Schneider crossed the finish line with a personal best time of 18:52.5. Ohio State took the Mountaineer Open title with a perfect score of 15 points, followed by the Mountaineers with 61 points and Division II Queens University (N.C.) with 79 points. ASU's arch rivals Western Carolina finished fourth (92 pts.) as ETSU finished fifth (128 pts.) and UNC Asheville in sixth-place (157 pts.)

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ASU Volleyball Drops Tough Battle to Georgetown

Appalachian State Volleyball dropped a hard-fought match to Georgetown to open play at the JMU Classic on Friday, Sept. 16.

The Mountaineers (5-6) nearly came from behind late in each set but the Hoyas (6-5) were able to stave off ASU's comeback attempts to take a 3-0 (25-22, 27-25, 25-23) victory.

Both squads would trade blows throughout the first set as neither led by more than one point until the Hoyas snagged a 23-21 lead en route to a first set win.

The second set featured another close battle as the Mountaineers battled back from an early five-point deficit (13-8) with five straight points to tie the set at 13 apiece.

Appalachian would force Georgetown to call a time out after taking a 19-17 lead late in the set. The Hoyas came out of the break with three points in a row to regain the lead at 20-19.

With their backs to the wall late in the match, the Apps would not go quietly as they staved off defeat twice in the closing stages before Georgetown pulled away for a 27-25 set win.

The Mountaineers found themselves in an early hole (7-1) in the third and final set but battled back to tie it at 11-11 before eventually taking a 13-12 lead.

The Hoyas answered with seven of the next eight points to take a 19-14 lead. Appalachian would rally to tie the match at 22-22 before eventually falling by a score of 25-23.

As a team, the Apps hit .240 and held the Hoyas to a .206 attack percentage. Georgetown finished with 21 errors while the Mountaineers committed just 14 but hit only .094 in the third set.

Jessica Eley (Kansas City, Mo./Bishop Miege) finished with eight kills and hit .500 while Meghann Forshey (Glen Allen, Va./Deep Run) also had eight kills while hitting .412.

Kasey Sauls (Prairie Village, Kan./Shawnee Mission East) ended the day with 18 assists and Lauren Brown (Overland Park, Kan./Saint James Academy) chipped in with 11 of her own. The Hoyas finished with a 9-8 edge in blocks and were paced by nine kills each from Dani White and Alex Johnson.

The Mountaineers continue tournament play tomorrow then they face East Tennessee State at 10 a.m. ET before finishing their nine-match road swing with a 7:30 p.m. match against tournament host James Madison.

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