

## Appalachian Women's Soccer Ties Furman, 0-0

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In the team's first home Southern Conference games of the season, Appalachian State women's soccer (4-6-1, 0-2-1 SoCon) held firm against a tough team from Furman (7-4-1, 2-0-1 SoCon) as the squads played to a 0-0 draw Friday evening at ASU Soccer Stadium.

"It was great to come out after last weekend's losses and play a game like this," observed coach Sarah Strickland. "Furman is a great team—they're well coached and organized. I was happy to see us turn around and tie the top team in the conference. It was the most exciting scoreless game I've ever seen."

Autumn made its presence known as temperatures dropped rapidly throughout the game and into the early evening. Sustained winds in excess of 20mph and gusts to 30mph made conditions extra brisk and tricky for the players.

Furman nearly got on the scoreboard early, sending its first two shots high and notching six of the first seven shots in the game. Appalachian State picked up five shots in the opening period including its only two shots on goal, and while both offenses were able to get shots off, neither defense allowed good looks.

In the second half, Furman's offensive pressure earned the Paladins six corner kicks, but again the ASU defense shut down the attack. Appalachian keeper Amy Kolowsky (Columbia, S.C. / Spring Valley) earned five saves in regulation and another five in extra time.

ASU had an exciting opportunity in the final minutes of regulation as Sydney Hill (Alpharetta, Ga. / U. of South Carolina) fired a shot off the crossbar, narrowly missing a game-winning score. As the second period ended, a light rain began to fall on the field, adding to the frigid late-September conditions.

Furman's best scoring chance came in overtime as Hannah Stanifer headed a crossing pass into the crossbar and recovered the rebound for another strike. Kolowsky successfully handled the second strike and kept the Mountaineers alive in the game.

In the end, Furman built a 26-10 advantage in shots and a 10-3 lead in corner kicks, but it was Kolowsky's 10 saves in net that made the difference, as both teams came away with the scoreless tie.

"I'm proud of Amy Kolowsky earning her third shutout," added Strickland. "Nicole Steyl (Charlotte, N.C. / Ardrey Kell) helped create a lot of chances, and our team really stood together."

"We played a great team defense and stuck together as a unit," noted captain Katy Dodd (Apex, N.C. / Apex). "Our back line was phenomenal, and Mimi Kleitches (Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte County Day) was fantastic. We're looking forward to taking on Wofford on Sunday."

The Mountaineers host the Terriers on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. The Apps enter the game just one win short of matching their five victories from last season.

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### **Field Hockey Falls to Radford, 3-2**

Appalachian State University field hockey loss its first conference game of the season, 3-2 to Radford under the Friday night lights in Kidd Brewer Stadium.

Radford (5-6, 1-2 NorPac) controlled possession of the ball for nearly ten minutes and would get its first goal of the game from Melissa Register in the ninth minute. The Mountaineers' sophomore Booklyn Shearer put a penalty stroke into the back of the cage to tie the contest 1-1 in the 30th minute.

The Highlanders recaptured the lead when Register recorded her second goal of the game in the 46th minute. Radford's Lynsey Daughtrey tapped in an insurance goal to increase the Highlanders lead to 3-1 in the 58th minute. The Highlanders committed a penalty with seconds left in the game and would give Appalachian one last penalty corner. The Mountaineers' freshman Jessi Stuart capitalized on the penalty corner opportunity with no time left on the clock.

ASU (1-8, 1-1 NorPac) looks to rebound quick as they take on conference foe Longwood on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Kidd Brewer Stadium.