

## Dreybus Scores Two In Win Over Winthrop

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Aided by two goals from senior Sean Dreybus (Newport News, Va./Warwick), Appalachian State men's soccer handily defeated visiting Winthrop, 3-0, in non-conference action at ASU Soccer Stadium on Wednesday night.

With the win, the Mountaineers improve to 6-2-2 (1-0 SoCon), while Winthrop slides to 3-7-0 (0-1 Big South).

The win extends Appalachian's streak to seven games without a loss (5-0-2), tying the program's longest unbeaten streak since its 10-1-2 season in 1978. This season also marks the first time the Apps have gone over 30 days in-season without a loss since that same year.

Appalachian took control of the match early and retained it throughout the full 90 minutes.

In the 32nd minute, Mark Bridges (Morganton, N.C./East Burke) injected a throw-in from the right sideline and placed the long-ball within the six-yard box. After deflecting off players from both teams, Nicholas Skoda (Knoxville, Tenn./Hardin Valley) used his head to control the ball to Dreybus, who connected to put the Black and Gold in front, 1-0.

Winthrop came out of the break looking to score and nearly caught the Mountaineers off-guard on several attempts; however, each time, the Appalachian defense managed to break up the attack.

Playing his second game at Appalachian, Boubacar Toure (Atlanta, Ga./Georgia Perimeter College) made his presence known in the 74th minute. The junior transfer's fancy footwork in the penalty area allowed him to circumvent his Eagle defender and slide the ball into the left of the net for his second goal of the year.

Less than four minutes later, Dreybus connected for his second goal of the day, this time capitalizing on a well-placed serve from freshman Stanley Broaden (Wilmington, N.C./Eugene Ashley). The goal was the senior's team-leading sixth of the year and clinched the Apps' 3-0 victory.

Dreybus finished the game with a game-high three shots—all on goal.

Appalachian dominated the offensive half throughout the game. By the end, the Black and Gold had amassed a 16-5 advantage in shots with seven of those on goal.

Collin Taylor (Morganton, N.C./Freedom) notched his 12th career shutout. Despite not recording a save in the game, the senior played a role in breaking up several Winthrop chances.

"It was a good team win and a solid performance," commented head coach Matt Nelson. "A lot of different players got into the game, and the level of play never dropped. It gave us the opportunity to give some of our starters a break and rest for our big conference game on Saturday."

Appalachian State hosts defending Southern-Conference champion UNCG on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.