

ASU Men's Soccer Extends Unbeaten Streak to 10

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After four scoreless periods, the Mountaineers preserved their unbeaten streak as Appalachian State men's soccer (8-2-3, 2-0-1 SoCon) tied Southern Conference opponent College of Charleston (5-5-4, 1-1-2 SoCon) in a rainy 0-0 game Tuesday night at ASU Soccer Stadium. The double-overtime draw gives the Black and Gold their tenth straight game without a loss (7-0-3), their longest unbeaten streak since 1978. With their eighth shutout of the year, the Mountaineers are now one shutout short of the program record of nine, set in 1978 and '83. "College of Charleston is a good team," noted head coach Matt Nelson. "[CofC] has some of the best goal-scorers in the conference, and to hold them a shutout is a solid game defensively." The teams played aggressively throughout the game, and they were whistled for 32 fouls and four cautions.

The Apps managed 15 shots in the game, while the Cougars posted 11 of their own.

Nevertheless, ASU goalkeeper Danny Free (Doncaster, England/Hall Cross School) and his CofC counterpart each notched four saves. Appalachian freshman Sekani Sinclair (Parkland, Fla./Marjory Stoneman Douglas) tallied a game-high four shots.

Early in the final period, CofC's Francis Twohig carried a breakaway into a one-on-one against Free. Twohig dodged the keeper and made what looked like the game-winning, open-goal shot. As the players on the field visibly paused, the ball bounced off the far post and remained in play for the Mountaineer defense to make the clear.

Nelson continued, "To still be undefeated after four conference games is something to be proud of. It was a hard-fought game, and both sides felt like they needed the win."

Appalachian state plays its next game on Saturday in Boone. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at ASU Soccer Stadium at Ted Mackorell Soccer Complex.

Women's Golf Finishes Fourth in Charleston

Appalachian State University women's golf carved nine strokes off its first round score on Tuesday to jump from eighth place to fourth at the Charleston Southern Wendy's Invitational. The Mountaineers carded a 311-302=613 (+45) at par-71 Coosaw Creek.

Rumbidzai Masamvu (Harare, Zimbabwe/Dominican Convent) slipped into a tie for third place at the event after holding the lead through 18 holes. The junior carded a 70-76=146 (+4) to nail down her best finish of the season.

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A pair of Apps tied for 18th place as Lauren Smith (Salisbury, N.C./UNCG) carded a 78-75=153 (+9) and Yue Xu (Beijing, China/HuiJia Private School) matched her with rounds of 79 and 74. Elena Thomas (Waxahachie, Texas/Waxahachie) tied for 54th with an 85-77=162 (+20) and Mimi Burke (Mooresville, N.C./Cannon School) placed 63rd at 81-81=165 (+23).

Competing as an individual, Samantha Patton (Morganton, N.C./Mars Hill) shot a 92-97=189 (+47) to finish 83rd.

Marshall won the tournament with a 605 (+37), five strokes ahead of second-place UAB and Stetson. Marshall's Allison Harper and Jacksonville's Natalie Schmett tied for the individual medal, three strokes ahead of Masamvu.

Also competing from the Southern Conference, Wofford placed fifth, two strokes back of the Apps and The Citadel placed 15th with a 660 (+92).

ASU closes out the fall season on Oct. 28-30 at Furman's Lady Paladin Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Men's Golf Places Fourth at Donald Ross

Appalachian State University men's golf played three consistent rounds at its own Donald Ross Intercollegiate to tie for fourth place at 292-286-293=871 (+13). Four Mountaineer golfers finished in the top 12 of the 64-player field at par-70 Mimosa Hills Golf and Country Club.

Leading the official Mountaineer team, sophomore Casey Komline (Dorset, Vt./Burr and Burton Academy) finished the event strong with a 71-73-68=212 (+2) to place seventh, followed closely by Dustin Hudson (Hildebran, N.C./East Burke) in a tie for ninth at 76-68-70=214 (+4).

Jason Woodall (Yanceyville, N.C./The Elon School) carded a 75-72-80=227 (+17) to place 40th. John Michael Cole (Fayetteville, N.C./Cape Fear) and Darren Cook (Boone, N.C./Watauga) each finished just one stroke back in a tie for 42nd. Cole carded a 72-73-83 and Cook shot a 74-79-75.

Head coach Bill Dicus also entered a second, unofficial squad of five individuals in the event with equal success.

Josh Nichols (Kernersville, N.C./Salem Baptist Christian) led the group with a sixth-place finish at 72-67-70=209 (-1). Lance Wheeler (Claremont, N.C./Bunker Hill) was next in the group with a 71-72-72=215 (+5) to tie for 12th.

Daniel Walsh (Wilkesboro, N.C./West Wilkes) placed 21st at 72-78-69=219 (+9), while newcomer Eric Eberspeaker (Rock Hill, S.C./Rock Hill) placed 28th at 75-73-74=222 (+22).

Drew Harris (Lenoir, N.C./Hildebran) rounded out the team with a 72-79-75=226 (+16) for 36th

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Lynn University took home the team title at 853 (+13), five strokes ahead of second-place Gardner-Webb.

GWU's Kristopher Gray tied Presbyterian's Matt Sizemore for the individual title at 203 (-7).

The Mountaineers tied Western Carolina for fourth, while fellow Southern Conference member Elon placed ninth at 894 (+54).

Appalachian's fall slate continues on Oct. 31 at WCU's Hummingbird Intercollegiate at Cashiers, N.C.'s Country Club of Sapphire Valley.