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In yet another nail-biter finish, Appalachian State men's soccer (8-2-4, 3-0-2 SoCon) tied Southern Conference opponent Furman (11-2-4, 2-1-2 SoCon) in a scoreless tie on Saturday night at ASU Soccer Stadium.

Appalachian extends its unbeaten streak to 11 (7-0-4), the third longest active streak in the country. New Mexico has gone 14 games (12-0-2) and Cornell has played 12 (8-0-4) without a loss.

"Our conference from top to bottom is touch," remarked head coach Matt Nelson. "To have played these teams without a loss is a credit to our guys and all the work they've put into practice. We've proven that we're solid defensively, but we need to clean up our attacking. Furman is a top team, and they played well today."

The back-and-forth game was highlighted by some spectacular plays at both ends. ASU's Sean Dreybus (Newport News, Va. / Warwick) tallied three shots with two on net, while Boubacar Toure (Atlanta, Ga. / Georgia Perimeter College) had a pair of shots.

Appalachian was bailed out early as Paladin Coleton Henning fired a shot off the post in the 13th minute. Furman's Martin Ontiveros recorded a game-high five shots, including a shot in the first overtime that deflected off a Mountaineer and caromed off the crossbar and out of play. When the clock finally struck zero, Furman had outshot the Apps, 13-10, but the teams were relegated to a 0-0 draw for their efforts.

Appalachian keeper Danny Free (Doncaster, England / Hall Cross School) recorded five saves in goal. With his sixth shutout of the season, Free moves into a tie for fifth most clean slates in a season by a Mountaineer, one behind the program record of seven.

Entering the weekend, Appalachian was tabbed as the No. 5 team in the south region by the NSCAA, while Furman ranked No. 4. Furman also received votes in the NSCAA poll and was ranked as high as No. 22 (TopDrawerSoccer.com) in other surveys. Appalachian has not finished the season in the top 25 of any national poll since 1980.

In its last three home games, Appalachian has gone 1-0-2 against the three teams that tied for the SoCon regular-season title last season (UNCG, College of Charleston, FU).

Saturday's draw marks the first back-to-back tie for the Mountaineers since 2004 and is only the third time that the Apps have ever played consecutive games to no decision.

the tie breaks a streak of six-straight wins for FU in the Appalachian/Furman all-time series. Appalachian is set for its final regular-season home game on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. against Wofford. As the league's only undefeated team, Appalachian State controls its own fate and can clinch an outright SoCon regular-season crown with wins in its next two games.

Seeds Leads Mountaineers Past Bulldogs

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Behind a career-high 19 kills from Maggie Seeds, Appalachian State volleyball got back to its winning ways with a 3-1 win over The Citadel on Saturday, Oct. 22 at McAlister Field House. The Mountaineers (16-7, 8-2) dropped the first set before roaring back to win three-straight over the Bulldogs (7-16, 0-10) to bounce back from a loss to College of Charleston on Friday. Appalachian held the lead for nearly the entire first set, leading by as many as four points (14-10) before the Bulldogs grabbed a 17-16 lead late in the set.

The Apps tied it up at 19 but The Citadel put the match away with six of the next nine points, which included three errors from the Mountaineers, to take a 25-22 set victory. ASU fell behind early in the second set before rallying to take a 7-3 lead early on. The Bulldogs made it 7-6 with three-straight points before Appalachian strung together a 7-4 run to make it 14-10.

The Apps never relinquished their lead, scoring 12 of the final 15 points to pick up a 25-14 win. Seeds had four of Appalachian's 12 points during the 12-3 run to put the match away.

The third set saw two early lead changes before the Mountaineers went on a 12-3 run to jump out to a 13-6 lead. The Citadel would not come within less than four points the rest of the way as the Apps cruised to a 25-18 win.

Appalachian dominated the fourth and final set as it opened the finale on a 9-0 run and never trailed in another 25-14 victory. The Apps led 24-8 before a last-gasp effort by The Citadel fell short.

In addition to her 19 kills, Seeds picked up 10 digs for her first double-double of the season. Alison Blasingame, Kelly Rhein and Lindsey Sauls each had eight kills.

Kasey Sauls had a match-high 40 assists to up her career-total to 2,989 assists and Courtney Rhein had 11 digs to push her career-total to 1,110. Rhein needs just 52 more digs to supplant Sheri Leverette for eighth in ASU history.

As a team, the Mountaineers hit .276 and held the Bulldogs to a .098 hitting percentage. The Apps forced 27 errors and committed 20 of their own while The Citadel finished with a 12-10 advantage on blocks.

ASU returns to the Holmes Center on Friday for a 7 p.m. match against UNCG before playing host to Elon at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Field Hockey Drops Non-Conference Contest to CMU

ASU Men's Soccer Ties Furman; Unbeaten for 11 Straight

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Appalachian State University field hockey fell to Central Michigan, 6-0, on Saturday afternoon in Durham, N.C.

The Chippewas (8-7) took an early lead with a goal by Paulina Lee at the 9:47 mark. Sophomore Julianna Makrinos extended the lead to two just five minutes later, redirecting a shot from freshman Cayleigh Immelman for her fifth goal of the year. Brooke Sihota netted a goal on a penalty corner to give CMU a 3-0 lead going into halftime.

The Chippewas' Immeleman scored just six minutes into the second-half for her 11th goal of the season. Central Michigan tagged on two more goals at the 48:47 mark and the 57:37 mark. The Mountaineers (1-14) look to bounce back quickly as they by their final regular season home game on Sunday against Liberty at 1 p.m. at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Appalachian will be honoring its six seniors for Senior Day on Sunday.