

ASU Football Notebook: Kidd Brewer Stadium Attendance Record May Fall

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With reserved seats sold out for weeks and general-admission grass seating being snatched up at a record pace, Kidd Brewer Stadium's attendance record is in jeopardy when No. 5 Appalachian hosts top-ranked Georgia Southern on Saturday at The Rock. Last year's homecoming crowd of 31,531 for a 34-31 win over No. 19 Elon is currently the largest to ever attend a game at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Fans can help the Mountaineers reach their goal of surpassing that mark on Black Saturday by continuing to buy general-admission grass seating droves. Tickets cost \$32 for adults and \$22 for youth (ages 3-12) and can be purchased online at GoASU.com, by phone at (828) 262-2079 or in person at the ASU athletics ticket office, located in the Holmes Center. Online sales are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week while phone and in-person purchases can be made from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

WEAR BLACK ON BLACK SATURDAY: Fans in attendance can also help welcome No. 1 Georgia Southern to town by wearing black to The Rock on Saturday for ASU's annual Black Saturday game. ASU has won three-straight Black Saturday showdowns, including a 52-16 thumping of Georgia Southern in the Eagles' last visit to The Rock in 2009.

FANS ASKED TO DONATE CANNED GOODS ON SATURDAY: Did you know many of your fellow Mountaineers deal with hunger-related issues on a daily basis? One out of six people in Western North Carolina are food insecure. Founded to relieve hunger and poverty in the High Country, the Watauga Hunger and Health Coalition is in critical need of food donations. In partnership with the Appalachian Student Ambassadors, ASU athletics is encouraging fans to bring canned foods and non-perishables to Kidd Brewer Stadium on Saturday. Special needs include instant oatmeal, peanut butter and cereal but all donations are greatly appreciated! Drop off points will be located at the Kidd Brewer Stadium ticket plaza and the stadium's east and west gates prior to kickoff. Please join the Watauga Hunger and Health Coalition, ASU athletics and the Appalachian Student Ambassadors in an effort to feed families in Boone and the surrounding communities. Let's stop hunger and the Eagles!

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APPALACHIAN MOVES TO NO. 5 IN FCS POLLS: Southern Conference rival Wofford's 26-21 loss at Furman on Saturday not only allowed Appalachian (5-2, 3-1 SoCon) to regain control of its own destiny in the quest for an unprecedented seventh-straight SoCon title but also vaulted the Mountaineers back into the top five in both major NCAA Division I FCS polls. ASU is ranked No. 5 in both The Sports Network (media) and American Football Coaches Association polls this week. Georgia Southern (7-0, 5-0 SoCon) tops both polls. ASU is 19-5-1 all-time when playing as the nation's fifth-ranked team.

OTHER NOTES: Appalachian is 2-5 all-time when playing the nation's No. 1 FCS team but is 2-2 versus top-ranked squads at home, including a 17-16 win over No. 1 Georgia Southern on Oct. 16, 1999 ... SoCon Special Teams Player of the Week Travaris Cadet (Miami, Fla./Central) has three punt returns of 35 yards or longer in the last three games ... Cadet also has back-to-back 100-yard rushing games (133 at The Citadel, 139 vs. Samford), making him the first Mountaineer to do so since Devon Moore versus N.C. Central (124) and Wofford (180) in 2009 ... Jamal Jackson (Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta) is the first ASU quarterback to pass for over 200 yards in each of his first two career starts since Joe Burchette did so versus Furman and Georgia Southern in 2000 ... media demand for Saturday's game ranks among the highest for a regular-season contest in Appalachian history — 203 media credentials have been issued for Saturday's tilt as of the close of business on Monday.