

## Volleyball Comeback Falls Short In Home Finale

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Alison Blasingame saved her best for last, tallying a career-high 21 kills, but it was not enough as Appalachian State volleyball fell to Davidson, 3-2, on Senior Night at the Holmes Center. The Wildcats (15-11, 5-8) jumped out to an early 2-0 lead before the Mountaineers (18-9, 10-3) came storming back to send the match to a decisive fifth set. Davidson was able to recover after blowing the

early lead to take a 15-10, match-clinching victory in the fifth set. Appalachian's loss snapped a nine-match home winning streak and marked its only Southern Conference home loss of the season.

Both squads battled through a back-and-forth first set that featured 13 ties and eight lead changes. ASU led, 21-20, late in the set but the Wildcats scored five of the next six points for a 25-22 win.

The second set was all Davidson as the visitors led from start to finish to take a 25-21 win and pin Appalachian's back to the wall, but the Mountaineers responded with a dominant third-set performance that saw them hit a blistering .531 in a 25-9 win.

ASU took the fourth set with relative ease and never trailed in a 25-18 win to knot the match at two sets apiece. The Wildcats jumped out to an early 9-5 lead in the final set before Appalachian forced a Davidson timeout after closing the gap to 12-10.

Davidson came out of the timeout on fire and put the match away by a 15-10 final.

Blasingame led all players in kills and added three block assists. Meghann Forshey matched a career-high with 18 kills while Kelly Rhein had 14 kills and 14 digs.

Kasey Sauls led all players with 49 assists and added 15 digs. Anna Wagner tallied nine kills and 20 digs. Courtney Rhein had 27 digs and Jessica Ely chipped in with seven kills.

Davidson was paced by Caroline Brown's 18 kills while Molly Crenshaw tied Rhein for a match-high with 27 digs.

Appalachian hit .242 as a team while holding Davidson to a .171 attack percentage but the Wildcats finished the match with a 14-7 edge in blocks.

The Mountaineers return to action on Tuesday, Nov. 8 at Western Carolina before finishing the regular season with matches at Chattanooga (Nov. 12) and Samford (Nov. 13).

**MATCH NOTES:** Friday's match was the final home match for seniors Alison Blasingame, Kelly Rhein, Kasey Sauls, Maggie Seeds and Anna Wagner... the five seniors were honored in a post-match ceremony along with team manager Adam Grant, also a senior... the loss snapped a nine-match home winning streak which tied the best streak in ASU history... Wagner tied a career-high in digs... Blasingame set a career-high with 42 attacks... her previous high was 28 against High Point on Aug. 28, 2010... interestingly enough, the Mountaineers rallied from down 2-0 to defeat High Point 3-2 last season... it was the last time ASU had rallied from a 2-0 deficit to pick up a win... Courtney Rhein pushed her dig total to 1,173 digs to move her into eighth-place in ASU history.

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### **Appalachian's Dodd Named Academic All-District**

Appalachian State women's soccer player Katy Dodd (Apex, N.C./Apex) has been named to the Capital One Academic All-District III Division I second team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

In her third campaign as team captain, Dodd scored four goals on the season, including the game-winner in a 1-0 shutout of UNC Asheville. On Oct. 16, she posted a career-high seven shots in a game against Chattanooga. Dodd started in all 19 contests this season and has been a starter in every game for the past three years.

The senior finished her career with 10 goals and three assists, and she has been honored by the Southern Conference as an Academic Honor Roll, Academic all-SoCon and Student-Athlete of the Week selection.

Off the field, Dodd is enrolled in Honors College programs and has maintained an impressive 3.92 GPA while majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. She is a four-time Chancellor's List and six-time Dean's List honoree.

The Capital One Academic All-District teams are selected by sports information directors at regional schools. In Division I sports, District III includes colleges in North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

### **Appalachian Men's Soccer's Duffy Named Academic All-District**

Appalachian State men's soccer player Ryan Duffy (Apex, N.C./Apex) has been named to the Capital One Academic All-District III Division I team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The senior Mountaineer defender has captained the Black and Gold this season and played an instrumental role in the squad's 11-game unbeaten streak, which stretched from early

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September to late October. Duffy has played in nearly every minute of the season, and has helped the team compile a program-record 10 shutouts on the year.

Appalachian's defense has been ranked among the nation's best in goals-against and shutout percentage throughout the season.

Offensively, Duffy has racked up four goals and two assists from the back line in his career. He has been honored by the Southern Conference as an Academic Honor Roll and Academic all-SoCon selection.

Duffy has a cumulative 3.54 GPA while majoring in pre-professional biology with a minor in chemistry. He has served as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and an ASU Orientation Leader.

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By virtue of his first-team honors, Duffy will now be considered for an Academic All-America selection at the end of November.

## **Field Hockey Drops Season Finale to UC Davis**

Appalachian State University field hockey dropped its season finale in the NorPac consolation game to UC Davis, 2-0, Friday afternoon at Varsity Turf Stadium.

The Mountaineers' senior goalkeeper Bridgette Street made six save before UC Davis' Cloey LemMon scored on picture-perfect 2-on-1 Aggies advantage.

In the 67th minute, UC Davis' Nadia Namdari netted an insurance goal to stretch the Aggies lead, 2-0.

The Mountaineers out shot UC Davis 17-14 with five shots from all-NorPac East honoree, Brooklyn Shearer, and three shots from freshman Dana Wetmore.

Street finished the contest with nine saves, and ends her outstanding career with the Black and Gold third all-time in ASU's record book with 603 saves.

The Apps finish its 2011 campaign 2-18, while the Aggies finish 5-12.

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