

Mountaineers Pummel Panthers

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Chakeitha Weldon had a season-high 15 points and four other players scored in double-figures as Appalachian State women's basketball stormed past Georgia State, 82-58, at the

Starwood Hotels of Atlanta Georgia State Thanksgiving Classic on Saturday, Nov. 26 at GSU Sports Arena.

The Mountaineers (4-1) overcame an early seven-point deficit to rally past the Panthers (1-3) and pick up their fourth-straight win.

Georgia State built a 12-5 lead with 12:44 to play in the first half, but Appalachian reeled off a 14-2 run to take a 19-14 lead on Kelsey Sharkey's layup with 7:04 left on the clock.

The Apps would never surrender the lead the rest of the way and led double-digits for nearly the entire second half after Sharkey converted a layup to give Appalachian State a 37-27 lead with 18:49 remaining in regulation.

Appalachian would lead by as many as 23 points (72-49) with just under five minutes left to play and scored on Courtney Freeman's layup with six seconds left to complete the 24-point win.

The Mountaineers shot 44.3 percent (27-for-61) from the floor and were 15-for-26 in the second half while holding Georgia State to just 27.9 percent (19-for-68) from the floor for the game.

Appalachian State was 23-for-30 from the charity stripe while the Panthers converted just 15-of-30 free throws in the contest. Weldon led Appalachian in points while grabbing four rebounds and dishing out three assists.

Sharkey finished with 13 points while Canesha Edwards (11), Anna Freeman (11) and Catherine Williams (10) all notched double-digit point totals. Williams also finished with a team-high seven rebounds and collected four steals.

Georgia State was led on offense by Chan Harris, who led all players with 18 points and 19 rebounds to help the Panthers finish with a 55-36 edge on the glass.

Sharkey and Weldon earned all-tournament honors for their efforts over the weekend with Weldon picking up MVP honors in her hometown.

The Mountaineers open SoCon action against Georgia Southern on Thursday, Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. inside the Holmes Center.

GAME NOTES: Appalachian State forced 10 or more turnovers for the 72nd-straight game... five Mountaineers scored in double-figures in the same game for the second time this season...

ASU outscored Georgia State 40-28 in the paint and 31-13 off turnovers... the Apps were the only team of the four in attendance to go 2-0 at the Thanksgiving Classic.

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