

Ohio Slips Past Appalachian Wrestling, 20-15

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Despite splitting the day's bouts, Appalachian State wrestling was unable to recover from a 16-0 deficit as the Mountaineers fell, 20-15, to Ohio University on Saturday at the OU Convocation Center. For ASU (3-2, 1-0 SoCon), the match was their

second straight non-conference loss, while the Bobcats (1-2, 0-2 MAC) earned their first win of the 2011-12 campaign.

The day started at 197 pounds, as Ohio's Beau Wenger notched the day's first decision, and No. 5 Jeremy Johnson followed with a major to give the Bobcats a 7-0 lead.

As the bouts rolled over to the lightweights, Gabe Ramos and Jake Wojcik picked up a pin and decision, respectively to give the Bobcats a daunting 16-0 advantage.

The Mountaineers were not to be dismissed quietly, as Appalachian's corps of seniors rolled off four straight victories with Mike Kessler (Bay City, Mich./Western), Savva Kostis (Boone, N.C./Watauga), Chip Powell (Greensboro, N.C./S.W. Guilford) and No. 13 Kyle Blevins (Sapulpa, Okla./Sapulpa) earning decisions to cut the gap to 16-12 with two bouts remaining. Facing an uphill battle, ASU's Carter Downs (Jupiter, Fla./Jupiter Christian) was unable to overcome No. 13 Nick Purdue at 174 pounds, and the Bobcat's major decision iced the match at 20-12.

In the afternoon's final bout, No. 11 Austin Trotman (Winston-Salem, N.C./Mount Tabor) triumphed for the Mountaineers, closing the day with a 10-5 decision, for a 20-15 final score in favor of Ohio.

The win continues Ohio's undefeated record against the Mountaineers, as the Bobcats have won all eight meetings dating back to 1995-96.

Saturday's match was Appalachian State's final dual of the 2011 calendar year. ASU will close out December with a trip to the Reno Tournament of Champions on Sunday, Dec. 18 and head to the Southern Scuffle in Chattanooga, Tenn. on New Year's Day.

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197: Beau Wenger dec. Paul Weiss, 9-3 OU 3, ASU 0

285: No. 5 Jeremy Johnson maj. dec. Brock Durfee, 13-3. OU 7, ASU 0

125: Gabe Ramos pinned Tony Gravely, 3:37 OU 13, ASU 0

133: Jake Wojcik dec. Brett Boston, 7-6 OU 16, ASU 0

141: Mike Kessler dec. Darring Boing, 3-2 OU 16, ASU 3

149: Savva Kostis dec. Gavin Moore, 10-4 OU 16, ASU 6

157: Chip Powell dec. Harrison Hightower, 5-1 OU 16, ASU 9

165: No. 13 Kyle Blevins dec. Miles Chapman, 7-0 OU 16, ASU 12

174: No. 13 Nick Purdue maj. dec. Carter Downs, 10-2 OU 20, ASU 12

184: No. 11 Austin Trotman dec. Ryan Garringer, 10-5 OU 20, ASU 15

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