

ASU Holds 125-Play Scrimmage Saturday

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Appalachian State University football wrapped up a 125-play scrimmage in front of a rather impressive crowd in an open practice on Saturday at Kidd Brewer Stadium. After surrendering two sacks to the defense on its opening drive, the Mountaineer offense seized control with touchdowns on

three-straight possessions. Junior quarterback Jamal Jackson directed a 10-play, 65-yard scoring drive by going 4-for-5 for 71 yards on the second possession of the day, which was capped off with a two-yard touchdown run by freshman running back Quarterio Morgan. Appalachian's ground game would also produce a score on the following possession as another freshman, Tysean Holloway, finished off a 12-play drive with a two-yard score of his own. Jackson would lead the first-team offense to another score on the fourth drive of the scrimmage by completing all three of his passes, the final one to Rod Chisholm for a 16-yard touchdown. The defense would come up big on the next drive when Troy Sanders hit Andrew Peacock in the backfield to knock the ball loose before it was recovered by junior defensive lineman Adam Scott. The Mountaineer offense would score on each of its next two possessions as Logan Hallock, playing at quarterback, completed three-straight passes before Holloway ripped off a 32-yard touchdown run.

Freshman signal-caller Kameron Bryant would lead the Apps to another score on the next drive. Bryant finished 4-for-5 for 36 yards and got the Mountaineers inside the 10-yard line with a nine-yard run before junior running back Michael Frazier punched it in from a yard out. The defense would hold the offense to just one more score on its next 11 drives and was able to pick up a score of its own when Demetrius McCray blocked a field goal that Sanders returned 78 yards for a score. Holloway would tack on one final touchdown with a 25-yard scamper later in the scrimmage.

On the day, Appalachian's offense rolled up 636 total yards while scoring on six of its 19 possessions. Jackson finished the day 24-for-30 with 278 yards and a touchdown while Holloway ran for 39 yards and two scored on 13 carries. Peacock led all receivers with 146 yards on 12 catches while freshman wideout Sean Price added 60 yards on four receptions, including a leaping, one-handed grab that brought the crowd to its feet.

Brandon Grier led the Apps with 13 tackles on the day while Jeremy Kimbrough and Karl Anderson each notched 12 stops. John Rizor finished with two sacks and four tackles.

A total of 10 Mountaineers sat out Saturday's scrimmage with a variety of injuries. Jamil Lott (knee), Andy Shuler (knee), Rodger Walker (thigh), Alex Coulthard (ankle), Kalan Jones (illness), James Robinson (head), Rommel Andre (head), Sam Martin (back), Drew Stewart (foot) and Steven Miller (shoulder) did not take part in any drills. All except Bronson and Shuler could return to practice as the Spring season comes to an end.

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SCRIMMAGE STATISTICS

Passing: Jackson 24-30-0, 278 yds., TD; Hallock 6-9-0, 83 yds.; Bryant 7-11-0, 59yds

Rushing: Frazier 11-51, TD; Chisholm 9-48; Morgan 12-44, TD; Holloway 13-39, 2TD; Bryant 6-21; Watson 2-10; Hallock 6-8; Peacock 1-3; Jackson 7-(-8)

Receiving: Peacock 12-146; Price 4-60; Beathard 4-32; Sullivan 3-49; Holloway 3-36; McElfresh 3-21; Shively 2-20; Chisholm 2-18, TD; Frazier 2-4; Washington 1-20; Morgan 1-14

Sacks: Rizor 2; Anderson; Burns; Davies; Grier; Harris; Scott

Tackles For Loss: Anderson 3; McGowan 2; Shaffer 2; Blalock; Grier; Kimbrough; Machanic; Sanders

Pass Break-Ups: Davies; Blair; Ross Sanders 2

Forced Fumbles: McGowan; Sanders

Fumble Recoveries: Roper; Scott

Blocks: McCray

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