

### OVERVIEW

On the final day of the first full week of fall camp, Appalachian State University conducted a lengthy 162-play intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Combined with stretching, individual drills and extensive special-teams drills, the 11th practice of the year covered nearly three hours on a picture-perfect afternoon in the High Country.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Saturday's scrimmage was split almost evenly between "regular" scrimmage conditions with the offense starting each possession at its own 35 yard line and specific situations with series starting in the red zone, on the goal line and deep in the offense's own territory.
- As has been the case for much of Appalachian's camp to date, the Mountaineer offense found much of its success in the passing game while the defense was especially stout against the run.
- Appalachian's defense forced five turnovers during Saturday's scrimmage with three fumble recoveries and two interceptions. The first-team defense recorded four of the five takeaways, all four of which came with the offense in the red zone.
- Individually, defensive back Doug Middleton had a spectacular day. The sophomore had a hand in three of the four red-zone takeaways, forcing a fumble inside the five yard line, intercepting a pass in the end zone and recovering a fumble forced by Brandon Grier and returning it 95-plus yards for a touchdown. Middleton was also in on several tackles, including at least three tackles for loss and a sack.
- Grier's forced fumble highlighted a day that also included five tackles for loss and three sacks for the senior linebacker.
- Two series after Middleton's interception in the end zone, all-America senior cornerback Demetrius McCray squelched another offensive scoring opportunity when he also picked off a pass in the end zone.
- The Mountaineers' fifth takeaway of the afternoon came when true freshman linebacker Greg Hall forced a fumble that was recovered by redshirt freshman Henry Barnes. Hall finished with four tackles for loss and a sack to go along with the forced fumble.
- Other defensive standouts included senior linebacker Jeremy Kimbrough and sophomore defensive end Ronald Blair, who each recorded three tackles for a loss and a sack.
- Offensively, the Mountaineers scored 10 touchdowns. Junior quarterback Jamal Jackson engineered six scoring drives, five of which covered 65 yards apiece.
- Jackson tossed five touchdown passes — 35- and 59-yarders to junior Tony Washington and 14-, 46- and 67-yarders to redshirt freshman Sean Price.
- Senior running back Rod Chisholm capped the first-team offense's sixth touchdown drive with a two-yard touchdown run. Jackson converted three third downs on the series with a 12-yard pass to junior wideout Andrew Peacock on third-and-11, a six-yard strike to junior tight end Josh

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Anding on third-and-six and a 21-yard connection with Price on third-and-seven.

- Redshirt freshman quarterback Kameron Bryant led the second-team offense to three touchdowns, including a pair of 65-yard scoring drives. In perhaps his best showing of camp, Bryant completed 11-of-15 passes for 158 yards and capped one of his three scoring drives with a one-yard touchdown run. He just missed adding to his already impressive passing totals when fellow redshirt freshman Bobo Beathard was just barely unable to remain in-bounds on an acrobatic catch in the back of the end zone.
- Bryant was helped by an impressive showing from junior running back Michael Frazier, who picked up 52 yards on 10 carries, including 12- and two-yard touchdown runs. He also picked up 33 yards on a reception to help set up his second score of the afternoon.
- True freshman walk-on Ricky Ferguson continued to turn heads on Saturday afternoon with another impressive performance in limited action with the third team, highlighted by a 62-yard touchdown reception. On the scoring play, Ferguson caught a swing pass from fellow rookie Paul Magloire and used a great burst of speed to run past defenders untouched down the right sideline.

### WHAT'S UP NEXT

The Mountaineers will enjoy their first off day of camp on Sunday before returning to the field for two practices on Monday. All practices are closed to the general public but GoASU.com will have exclusive updates from the practice field throughout fall camp.