

OVERVIEW

Appalachian State University football practiced for two-and-a-half hours on Tuesday afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium. In anticipation of the third intrasquad scrimmage of the fall on Wednesday, Tuesday's practice was conducted in helmets, shoulder pads and shorts with limited contact.

HIGHLIGHTS

- As has been the case throughout fall camp, the Mountaineers closed Tuesday's practice with extensive 11-on-11 work. Without full pads, plays were blown dead when the ball-carrier was touched by a defender.
- Appalachian's defense impressed throughout over 30 minutes of 11-on-11 drills, allowing only eight first downs in 11 series.
- Individual top performers included redshirt freshman nose tackle Stephen Burns (two sacks, three tackles for loss), junior defensive end Adam Scott (two sacks), freshman nose tackle Greg Milhouse (sack, two tackles for loss).
- Offensively, redshirt freshman quarterback Logan Hallock made a handful of first-down passes in his first extensive action of the fall leading the third team. Hallock, who has missed much of camp due to a thigh injury, completed a 16-yard pass to freshman running back Ricky Fergerson on a third-and-six play and found freshman wideout Malachi Jones for a 21-yard gain to convert a third-and-20.
- Redshirt freshman Kameron Bryant, who has quarterbacked the second team throughout camp, hooked up with tight end Drew Bailey for a 23-yard pass late in the afternoon, good for the longest offensive gain of the 11-on-11 periods.
- Two of the more entertaining plays of the day came on tipped passes. First, during 7-on-7 drills, sophomore defensive back Joel Ross made a great play on the ball on a sideline pattern by redshirt freshman John Sullivan but the ball somehow slipped through Ross' hands and, displaying great concentration, Sullivan hauled in the pass for a long gain. Despite not coming down with the interception, the defensive coaches vocally praised Ross for his coverage. Later, during 11-on-11 drills, redshirt freshman Bobo Beathard caught a tipped pass across the middle and turned it into a 20-yard pickup.
- Senior Nic Canepa moved from tight end back to defensive end, where he spent most of his first four years at Appalachian. Canepa looked comfortable back at his old position and made a couple of nice plays in the backfield during 11-on-11 drills.

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- With Hallock picking up some reps at quarterback, freshman Paul Magloire spent some of practice working at running back.

WHAT'S NEXT

Appalachian practices twice on Wednesday, including its third intrasquad scrimmage of the fall. All practices are closed to the general public but GoASU.com will have exclusive updates from the practice field throughout fall camp.

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After enjoying its first off day since the beginning of fall camp 10 days ago, Appalachian State University football returned to the field for a pair of practices on Monday at Kidd Brewer Stadium. As with its previous two-a-day sessions this fall, the morning practice was a 90-minute workout in helmets and shorts dedicated almost entirely to special teams while the afternoon practice was conducted in helmets, shoulder pads and shorts and lasted over two hours.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Monday's Appalachian football highlights came off the field, rather than on it.

First, Appalachian State announced the addition of Taco Sumler, a transfer from the University of Oregon. Sumler, a 5-9, 173-pound wide receiver, will begin practicing with the Mountaineers on Wednesday.

A four-star recruit out of Christopher Columbus H.S. in Miami, Fla. in 2011, Sumler redshirted last season at Oregon and announced his intention to transfer closer to home this month. Known for his world-class speed, he has been timed as low as 4.24 seconds in the 40-yard dash.

Sumler is eligible to play immediately at Appalachian and has four years of eligibility remaining. He will wear No. 6 for the Mountaineers this season.

In other off-the-field news, Appalachian State is ranked No. 6 nationally in The Sports Network's NCAA Division I FCS preseason top 25 poll, which was announced on Monday. The Sports Network poll is voted on by a national panel of writers, broadcasters, and sports information and media relations directors.

Incredibly, the lofty No. 6 ranking is Appalachian's lowest in The Sports Network's preseason poll since it was unranked prior to the 2005 season, which turned out to be the first of three-straight national championship campaigns for the Mountaineers.

Appalachian received one first-place vote among the 152 preseason ballots. Defending national runner-up Sam Houston State (79 first-place votes) tops the preseason media poll, followed by 2011 national champion North Dakota State (59 first-place votes), Georgia Southern (six first-place votes), Montana State (three first-place votes) and James Madison (three first-place votes). After Appalachian, Towson, Old Dominion, Northern Iowa and Wofford round out the top 10. Montana, the Apps' opponent for their Sept. 8 home opener, begins the next 10 at No. 11.

WHAT'S UP NEXT

Following Monday's two-a-day, the Mountaineers practice just once on Tuesday. All practices are closed to the general public but GoASU.com will have exclusive updates from the practice field throughout fall camp.

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