

ASU Women's Soccer Bested By High Point

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Appalachian State University women's soccer equalized late in the match, but came up one goal short, falling to High Point 2-1 Friday night at the Ted Mackorell Soccer Complex. With the loss, the Mountaineers fall to 1-3, as High Point earns

its first win of the season, moving to 1-1-2 on the young season. The Panthers outshot App State 12-10, two shots for the Apps troubled HPU's goalkeeper, Jesse May.

After a slow paced opening half, the teams found opportunities in the second half. High Point earned a corner in the 72nd minute as Brooke Lisson sent in the cross near the goal line.

Appalachian's goalkeeper Amy Kolowsky could not find the grip on a wet ball and slipped off her gloves into the net for the match's first goal.

The Apps responded the quickly in the 82nd minute, as senior Meggie Graham fed a corner into the box. After the ball bounced around the box several times, freshman Merlin Beckwith found the ball at her feet and struck a right-footed shot into the net, evening the score.

After a couple good defensive efforts from the Mountaineers, High Point took a chance as Jenny Butler struck a 30-yard shot and found the top left corner, beating Kolowsky. For Butler, it was her first goal of the season and the game-winner for the Panthers.

"It was exciting to see some players that are fresh step in and make a true impact, head coach Sarah Strickland said. "We created some opportunities, reality is we had to finish the game and we didn't do that."

The Apps will have to bounce back quickly as they will host Longwood on Sunday, Sept. 2 at noon.

"Longwood is a great team," Strickland said. "Last year we played a great game with them. We have to be able to turn around on Sunday and shake this loss off."

The women's team will be the first match of the day on Sunday, as the men's team will face UNC Wilmington at 3 p.m.

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