

Mountaineers-Eagles Play To Scoreless Tie

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Appalachian State University men's soccer could not come up with the golden goal in either overtime period and settled for a 0-0 draw with Southern Conference foe Georgia Southern Tuesday night at the Ted Mackorell Soccer Complex.

With their second scoreless deadlock of the season, the Mountaineers moved to 2-6-2 on the year and 0-2-1 in the SoCon. The Eagles go to 2-9-1 overall and 0-1-1 in league play.

For the third time this season, the Appalachian backline did not give a shot on goal and gave up just seven shots for the match. Sophomore goalkeeper Paul West got his third start in goal and tallied his second shutout of the season without recording a save. The backline of senior Lee Williams, junior Walker White, junior Harrison Delbridge and sophomore Patrick Harrow played all 110 minutes and earned the Mountaineers' sixth shutout of the campaign.

"We got back to playing solid defense tonight," head coach Matt Nelson said. "We've had a couple of games in a row where we had some problems, but right now we're doing a pretty good job. There are still some things we got to clean up, though."

Appalachian found chances up front, but could not capitalize on the few opportunities that were presented. Sophomore forward Sekani Sinclair led the Apps on shots on goal with two. His best chance came in the second overtime period as a through ball from freshman Ewahia Amhanesi found the sprinting Sinclair but the sophomore's shot was just tipped over the bar by GSU goalkeeper Neal Bates for his fifth save of the night.

Senior Boubacar Toure recorded two shots but did not find the back of the net on a first-half header and was called offsides when sophomore Luke Adams fired a free kick into the box. Toure now has six shots on goal in four matches this season. Sophomore Stanley Broaden finished the night with three shots with one troubling Bates and freshman Alex Herbst fired a shot on goal on a free kick.

"It has been a long time since some of the breaks have gone our way," Nelson said. "I think it's about time for that to turn around a bit."

The Mountaineers hit the road to face Furman on Saturday in Greenville, S.C. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m

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