

Mountaineers Sweep Series From GSU

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Anna Freeman recorded a game-high 18 points, while Kelsey Sharkey grabbed a season-high 11 boards and seven steals to lead Appalachian State University women's basketball to a 67-54 win against Southern Conference foe Georgia Southern

on Monday at Hanner Fieldhouse. After Mimi Dubose scored the first basket, the Mountaineers (14-5, 8-3 SoCon) took the lead and powered forward as they handed the Eagles (4-17, 3-9 SoCon) a second loss this season.

Jessica Barrios made her second start of the season for App State, putting the Apps on the board with a jumper (2-2) to jumpstart the Mountaineers victory. A. Freeman captured 12 points, along with two blocks and two steals. Appalachian held GSU to 34.6 percent (9-for-26) in the first half on its way to a comfortable 35-23 halftime lead.

The Black & Gold continued the momentum through the second half as they knocked down 32 points in 45.8 percent shooting (11-of-24). The Eagles threatened briefly climbing back, as they cut the Mountaineer lead to just eight after an Anna Clare Knight layup and pair of free-throws from Meredyth Frye, but the Apps responded immediately. A. Freeman laid in a basket for two, and expanded the lead from there by as much as 22. C. Freeman led in second-half scoring with nine points, while Sharkey pulled down eight rebounds in the period.

Sharkey recorded a game high 11 boards and seven steals, while dishing out two assists, in a powerful performance against GSU. A. Freeman led all players in scoring with 18 points, and put up two blocks and four steals for the Mountaineers. C. Freeman finished with 15 points and two assists for the night, while shooting 7-7 at the charity stripe. Maryah Sydnor rounded out the App's double-digit scorers with 13 points against the Eagles.

Alexis Sams paced Georgia Southern with 14 points. Meredyth Frye grabbed a game-high eight rebounds and four assists.

Appalachian shot 47.4 percent (27-of-57) on the night, while GSU connected on just 33.9 percent (20-of-59) of its shots.

Game Notes: Appalachian out-rebounded Georgia Southern by two, with 39 boards for the night, including 26 on defense. The Mountaineers grabbed 34 points in the paint compared to GSU's 10, and scored 15 off the bench.

ASU 67, GEORGIA SOUTHERN 64

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Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Appalachian State 35 32 - 67

Georgia Southern 23 31 - 54

ASU: SYDNOR 13 (8 REBOUNDS), A. FREEMAN 18, BARRIOS 2, MALLOW 4, C. FREEMAN 15, SHARKEY 7 (11 REBOUNDS), GARY 8 (3 ASSISTS). FG: 27-57, 3FG: 0-7, FT: 13-19. 39 REBOUNDS, 10 ASSISTS, 23 TURNOVERS.
THREE-POINTERS: NONE.

GSU: SPENCER 11 (7 REBOUNDS), SAMS 14, KNIGHT 10, FRYE 13, (9 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), DUBOSE 3, COOK 2, KIRKLAND 1. FG: 20-59, 3FG: 5-22, FT: 9-13. 37 REBOUNDS, 12 ASSISTS, 24 TURNOVERS.
THREE-POINTERS: SAMS 4, FRYE.

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