

Football Spring Practice Report

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In its next-to-last practice before Saturday's much-anticipated Spring Game, Appalachian State University football worked out for over two hours Wednesday on a gorgeous afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Wednesday's biggest story was a stellar display by Appalachian State's offense during a mini-scrimmage at the end of the practice. After being overshadowed by the Mountaineers' defense throughout much of the spring, Appalachian's offense turned in perhaps its best performance of the 13 practices to date.

The Mountaineer offense enjoyed success both on the ground and through the air and marched the length of the field for two touchdowns. The first score came on a 13-yard pass from Logan Hallock (Ferguson, N.C./West Wilkes) to Malachi Jones (Roswell, Ga./Central Gwinnett) and the second came on a 14-yard run by Ricky Ferguson (Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Fuquay-Varina). With the offensive line opening what may have been the biggest holes of the spring, Ferguson, Paul Magloire (Lynbrook, N.Y./Milford Academy) and Eric Davidson (Greensboro, N.C./Western Guilford) all notched runs of at least 10 yards. Bobo Beathard (Haymarket, Va./Battlefield), Andrew Peacock (Durham, N.C./Northern Durham) and Jones led the air assault on the receiving end of several long passes from Hallock.

The defense's biggest play of the afternoon came during goal-line drills that capped the mini-scrimmage. On third-and-goal from the one-yard line, defensive back Alex Gray (Suwanee, Ga./Peachtree Ridge) came up to level the ball-carrier and force a fumble that was recovered by Kevin Walton (Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley). However, Appalachian's offense responded on the very next goal-line series with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Hallock to tight end Josh Anding (Valley View, Texas/Valley View).

Appalachian will conduct a relatively light practice on Friday before Saturday's Spring Game at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Saturday's kickoff is set for 2 p.m. and admission is FREE. The game can also be heard on AM 1450, WATA beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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