

ASU Camp Report: August 4

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The pop of shoulder pads returned to Kidd Brewer Stadium on Sunday when Appalachian State University football held its third practice of the season on a gorgeous afternoon in the High Country. Per NCAA rules, Sunday's practice was the first this season conducted in shoulder pads. With the addition of shoulder pads on Sunday, limited contact was also introduced to the drills, which allowed for the most extensive 7-on-7 and 11-on-11 work of fall camp to date. Highlights included:

- an impressive afternoon by sophomore quarterback Kameron Bryant (Cary, N.C./Panther Creek). Bryant made perhaps the best play of the afternoon during 7-on-7 drills when, while running to the left, the right-hander threw against his body for a 40-yard touchdown strike to true freshman Dante Jones (Raleigh, N.C./Southeast Raleigh). Bryant, who was practicing in pads for the first time since sustaining a season-ending knee injury during his collegiate debut versus Coastal Carolina last September, was also sharp during 11-on-11 work, including a first-down pass to Simms McElfresh (Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Christian).
- a strong showing from starting quarterback Jamal Londry-Jackson (Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta). In the opening 11-on-11 period, Londry-Jackson threaded the needle for two completions to fellow senior Andrew Peacock (Durham, N.C./Northern Durham). After a shaky start to the next period, which included being picked off by outside linebacker Patrick Blalock (Asheville, N.C./A.C. Reynolds), Londry-Jackson rebounded to complete his final four passes of the afternoon, including first-down gains to Malachi Jones (Roswell, Ga./Central Gwinnett) and Bobo Beathard (Haymarket, Va./Battlefield).
- the defensive play of the day by redshirt freshman safety Alex Gray (Suwanee, Ga./Peachtree Ridge), who leaped high to intercept a pass and return it for what likely would have been a touchdown.
- redshirt freshman defensive end Olawale Dada (Columbus, Ga./Shaw) recording "sacks" (touching the quarterback) on back-to-back plays.
- Dante Jones just missing out on his second acrobatic catch for a long gain of the day. After adjusting to catch the 40-yard touchdown pass from Bryant while falling to the ground earlier in the day, Jones got behind the secondary and laid out to nearly haul in a long pass from Logan Hallock (Ferguson, N.C./West Wilkes). Jones got both hands on the ball with the diving effort but was barely unable to hold on as he crashed to the turf.

The Mountaineers will work out in helmets, shoulder pads and shorts again on Monday before strapping on full pads for the first time on Tuesday. Practices are closed to the general public but regular updates will be available throughout fall camp at appstatesports.com.

ASU Camp Report: Media Day

Appalachian State University football hosted more than a dozen local and regional media outlets on Saturday during its annual Media Day at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

In addition to fielding questions from the media, the Mountaineers' players, coaches and support staff also posed for their official team photos on a picture-perfect morning in the High Country.

Following the on-field activities and live App State TV broadcast from the Kidd Brewer Stadium

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turf, Appalachian State's entire coaching staff took part in a media luncheon during which defensive coordinator Nate Woody, co-offensive coordinators Dwayne Ledford and Frank Ponce and first-year head coach Scott Satterfield held formal question-and-answer sessions with the reporters in attendance.

Later in the afternoon, the Mountaineers held their second practice of the season, once again in shorts and helmets per NCAA rules. The Apps will don shoulder pads for the first time on Sunday and Monday before moving into full pads and contact on Tuesday.

All practices are closed to the general public but appstatesports.com will have exclusive updates from the practice field throughout fall camp.

ASU Camp Report: August 2

Appalachian State University football held its first practice of the 2013 season on Friday afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium. The Mountaineers practiced for two hours on a relatively cool, clear day in the High Country. The session was conducted in helmets and shorts, per NCAA regulations.

As expected, Friday's season-opening practice was dedicated largely to fundamentals and establishing tempo. First-year head coach Scott Satterfield was pleased with what he saw in those areas, particularly the pace of the workout.

"It was a great day," Satterfield said. "Our assistant coaches did a great job of organizing practice and the tempo was outstanding, especially when considering we added 35 newcomers to the mix who were going through their first practice at Appalachian State."

One new wrinkle to Appalachian State's practice routine was the addition of music blaring from the Kidd Brewer Stadium speakers during selected periods throughout the afternoon. The music debuted during spring practice but is expected to be a permanent fixture going forward.

"It's something to keep the juices flowing, which helps with the tempo that we want to maintain throughout practice," Satterfield explained. "Also, it cuts down on communication between coaches and players. When we get to Missoula, (Mont., site of Appalachian's Aug. 31 season opener versus Montana), we won't be able to hear anything. The music during practice helps our players learn to rely on signals rather than being able to hear the coaches' instructions."

Nearly all of the 105 student-athletes that reported for camp on Thursday participated in Friday's practice with only a small handful of Mountaineers sitting out due to lingering offseason injuries. Only one player on Appalachian State's preseason two-deep was among those who did not take part in Friday's practice — junior offensive lineman Brandon Hunter (Chapel Hill, N.C./Hargrave Military Acad.), who is expected to miss all of fall camp after offseason shoulder surgery. Hunter came out of the spring listed as a backup at right tackle behind returning starter Will Corbin (Dunn, N.C./Triton).

Conversely, several players who sat out of spring drills due to various ailments returned to the field on Friday, headlined by senior quarterback Jamal Londry-Jackson (Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta). The Southern Conference's preseason Player of the Year and Walter Payton Award candidate showed no ill effects from the knee injury that plagued him for the final three games of the 2012 campaign as he participated fully in his first practice since last November.

On Saturday, Appalachian State holds its annual Media Day at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Media Day is closed to the general public but fans can tune into App State TV for a live two-hour

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broadcast from The Rock, beginning at 10 a.m. The Media Day broadcast can be seen by App State TV premium subscribers exclusively at appstatesports.com.

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