

ASU Camp Report: August 13

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Appalachian State University football held its 14th practice of the season on Tuesday, working out for a little over two hours on a relatively cool afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium.

The Mountaineers wore full pads for Tuesday's practice but after two workouts on Monday and another two-a-day on tap for Wednesday, there was no full tackling during Tuesday's lone session. Contact was live at the line of scrimmage but Appalachian State used "thud" tackling, meaning that defenders wrapped up ball-carriers but did not take them to the ground.

Despite the absence of full tackling, Tuesday's practice included plenty of spirited 7-on-7 and 11-on-11 drills, the most entertaining of which came in the next-to-last period of the day, when the offense and defense squared off for seven red-zone series. Appalachian's offense got the ball at the beginning of each series at the defense's 12 yard line, needing a touchdown to "win" the series. However, the defense wound up prevailing in the period by keeping the offense out of the end zone for 4-of-7 series.

Things started well for the offense, as the first-team offensive line opened a huge hole for true freshman running back Marcus Cox (Dacula, Ga./Dacula), who scampered untouched for a 12-yard touchdown. The defense held on the next two series, thanks to a sack by defensive ends Ronald Blair (Greensboro, Ga./Greene County) and Deuce Robinson (Blythewood, S.C./Blythewood) to end the first series and a tackle for loss by Stephen Burns (Taylorsville, N.C./Alexander Central) to end the second.

The offense responded with back-to-back touchdown passes to take a 3-2 advantage. True freshman running back Terrence Upshaw (Duluth, Ga./Northview) took a short pass from Jamal Londry-Jackson (Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta) and scored from 10 yards out and one play later, Kameron Bryant (Cary, N.C./Panther Creek) found redshirt freshman tight end Jacob McCann (McLeansville, N.C./Northeast Guilford) wide open over the middle for a 12-yard touchdown strike.

The defense stepped up when it needed to most, however, as it got stops on the final two series to win the period. A second-down sack by Burns proved to be the biggest play on the next-to-last possession while a tackle for loss by Tucker Bell (Raleigh, N.C./Leesville Road) squelched the offense's scoring threat on the period's decisive series.

Appalachian's two-a-day practices on Wednesday are closed to the public but a full practice report will be available at appstatesports.com. Additionally, fans have the opportunity to watch the Mountaineers conduct their final intrasquad scrimmage of fall camp on Saturday during Appalachian State football's annual Fan Fest at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Gates open at 5 p.m.

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