

## Men's Soccer Downs LMC

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Appalachian State University men's soccer opened its preseason in dominating fashion and blew past Lees-McRae by a score of 3-0 on Sunday evening.

The exhibition consisted of three 35 minute periods with seven minute breaks in between. The match was stopped about midway through the third period due to lightning in the area.

The Mountaineers got off to an extremely fast start with Stanley Broaden scoring his first goal of the preseason on a cross from the left side into the box in the fourth minute. It was only a sign of things to come as nearly fifteen minutes later Broaden found himself in a similar position. This time a cross from the right side off the foot of Trey Hemphill was redirected by Broaden with his chest to score his second goal of the game and put The Apps up 2-0.

Appalachian State would produce a third and final goal of the match in the second period off a Zach Joens cross from the left side that found Hemphill in front of the keep, allowing him to tap it past Thomas Rusling, who got the starting nod in goal for the Bobcats.

The defense set a solid tone early with the likes of Kojo Thompson, Harrison Delbridge, Mason McCarter and Patrick Harrow. The Mountaineers were able to get plenty of players onto the pitch in their first game action of the year.

In each period, the goal was occupied by three different Mountaineer netminders. Paul West started the game and faced three shots, making two saves. Danny Free entered the match for the second period and faced four shots, making two saves as well. Finally, Jaron Bradley saw limited action in the third period due to the lightning and faced no shots.

Appalachian tallied 13 shots compared to Lees-McRae's seven. App State was able to produce eight corner kicks to the Bobcat's four. The possession was heavily controlled by the Mountaineers as combination passing and players making great runs on and off the ball helped generate numerous scoring opportunities offensively.

The next match for App State will be on Wednesday as the team travels to VMI for a road exhibition. Kick off is set for 3 p.m.