

Satterfield Era Opens in Montana

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A new era begins for Appalachian State football on Saturday when the 12th-ranked Mountaineers open the 2013 season at No. 20 Montana. Kickoff is set for 9 p.m. ET at Washington-Grizzly Stadium in Missoula, Montana. **RADIO** Saturday's game will be broadcast live on AM 1450, WATA on the Appalachian IMG Sports Network. Live coverage begins at 7 p.m. ET with Pigskin Prelude. Coverage begins at 7 p.m.

TV

The telecast of Saturday's game will be shown nationally on ESPN GamePlan, ESPN's college-football pay-per-view package. ESPN GamePlan is available on most cable and satellite services nationwide. For availability and pricing in your area, contact your cable or satellite provider.

The broadcast will also be carried on ESPN3, which is ESPN's online platform. ESPN3 is available in approximately 75 million homes nationwide as well as to 21 million U.S. college students and U.S.-based military personnel. ESPN3 is also available through Xbox LIVE and on smartphones, tablets and Apple TV via the WatchESPN app. Check with your internet or mobile service provider to see if you receive ESPN3 programming.

NOTING SATURDAY'S MATCHUP

- Most notably, Saturday's season-opener marks the debut for Appalachian State head coach Scott Satterfield. Satterfield was named Appalachian's 20th head coach Dec. 14, 2012. Satterfield replaces legendary head coach Jerry Moore, whose 24-year run at the helm of the Mountaineers came to an end following the 2012 campaign.
- Saturday's game also marks the beginning of the end of an era for Appalachian State football, as the Mountaineers open their final season in NCAA Division I FCS. On March 27, 2013, Appalachian officially accepted an invitation to join the NCAA Division I FBS Sun Belt Conference on July 1, 2014.
- Saturday's game also wraps up perhaps the most anticipated regular-season series in FCS history, when Appalachian and Montana play the final game of a home-and-home series.
- The series began last Sept. 8 in Boone, N.C., when Appalachian scored its first-ever win over Montana with a 35-27 triumph in front of 30,856 at jam-packed Kidd Brewer Stadium.
- Despite last year's victory over the Griz, the Mountaineers still trail in the all-time series versus Montana, 2-1.
- Montana has won both previous meetings played in Missoula, Mont.
- Both of the previous App State-Montana matchups played at Washington-Grizzly Stadium came in the semifinals of the NCAA Division I-AA/FCS playoffs. The Griz topped the Apps in overtime, 19-16, in the 2000 national semifinals and eeked out a heart-stopping 24-17 victory in the 2009 semis.

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- Appalachian State and Montana have combined to win five NCAA Division I-AA/FCS national championships, make 10 I-AA/FCS championship-game appearances and earn 41 I-AA/FCS postseason berths.
- Appalachian State is opening the season versus an FCS opponent for only the fifth time in the last 20 seasons. Appalachian has not lost an opener to an FCS opponent since a 22-10 loss at North Carolina A&T in 1993.

For all of the information on Saturday's matchup, including links to live video, audio and stats, both teams' rosters, depth charts, game notes and much more, visit appstatesports.com's official Gameday Central page.

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