

## ASU Men's Soccer Ties Navy in 2 OT

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Appalachian State University men's soccer hosted Navy on Sunday afternoon and earned a tie in two overtimes for the second time in as many games, 1-1.

Not even a small lightning delay could stop this game from starting right on time. The Mountaineers and Midshipmen came out and even though it took both teams some time to feel each other out – it didn't take long for both teams to engage the physical battle. There was a total of 41 fouls, nine yellow cards and two red cards dished out on the afternoon.

The first score of the game came in the second half when Navy's Jamie Dubyoski ran through a ball sent up front and was able to get a shot off from the right side of the box to his left to beat goalkeeper Danny Free diving to his right.

Senior Danny Free got the starting nod for the second consecutive game and allowed just one goal while also making five big saves for the Mountaineers.

The 1-0 Navy lead held until the 87th minute when senior Harrison Delbridge was able to volley a rebound for the equalizer. Delbridge controlled a rebound with his left foot and fired a strike past a diving Aaron Dupere to tie the game at 1-1.

The game would stay at a 1-1 tie for the remainder of regulation and through 20 minutes of overtime.

Appalachian led in shots with a 16 to 14 advantage over Navy – both teams recording six shots on target. The Mountaineers, however, had many more chances than the stat sheet would let on. In the 73rd minute Mason McCarter got past his defender on the far side and sent a great ball through the box right in front of the net that went untouched. Again, in the 75th minute Stephen Chapman sent a similar ball from the other side that also went untouched.

The Mountaineer offensive attack in their first two games has been creating lots of chances. The defense has stood as strong as expected not allowing many clear opportunities for the Midshipmen on the afternoon.

Appalachian State will return to action on Sept. 6th when it hosts UNC Asheville. Kick off is set for 7 p.m.

**Photo Courtesy: Harrison Delbridge, ASU Athletics**