

Mountaineers Drop Home Opener

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Appalachian State University football fell to North Carolina A&T by a 24-21 final in the 2013 home opener on Saturday at Kidd Brewer Stadium. The Mountaineers fell

to 0-2 with the loss, marking the first time since 2009 and only the third time in the last 20 seasons that the Mountaineers have lost their first two games of the season.

"I give the kids a lot of credit. They never gave up," said ASU coach Scott Satterfield, who is still searching for his first win as Mountaineers' coach. "We made some critical mistakes and it cost us the game. A kick-off return, a pick six, really hurt us. It handed them 14 points without their offense getting on the field. But we gave ourselves a chance at the end, but we missed the field goal."

Appalachian found themselves down 20-6 to the Aggies entering the fourth quarter – scoring 15 points to the Aggies three points. A recovered onside kick with 21 seconds left allowed the Mountaineers to position themselves for a game tying field goal, but Drew Stewart's 46-yard attempt, which was plenty long enough, slipped wide left.

Jamal Londry-Jackson started the game completing 12 of his 21 passes for one touchdown and two interceptions – finishing with 120 yards passing. Kameron Bryant played the entire second half and completed 21 of his 31 passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns.

Tony Washington finished as the leading receiver with 101 yards on 11 receptions. Andrew Peacock caught 11 balls for 93 yards. Marcus Cox had two receiving touchdowns on 49 yards receiving. Barrett Burns also found the endzone on a 10-yard scoring strike from Bryant in the fourth quarter.

"We got a young defense, and we have some young guys on the offense," Peacock said. "But that isn't an excuse. We have to come out here and play Appalachian football. But we just making too many mistakes. We've got to play better."

Defensively for App State, John Law led the way with 14 tackles while Karl Anderson was right behind Law finishing with 11 tackles including a pass break up.

NOTES: Appalachian State fell to 0-2 with the loss, marking the first time since 2009 and only the third time in the last 20 seasons that the Mountaineers have lost their first two games of the season....Appalachian State lost its home opener for only the second time in the last 12 years (prev.: 40-35 loss vs. McNeese State in 2009)....Appalachian State fell to 24-2 in its last 26 games that immediately followed a same-season loss. Since the third week of the 2003 campaign, the only other time that the Mountaineers lost consecutive games in the same season was in 2009, when they dropped their first two games to East Carolina (29-24) and McNeese State (40-35)....Appalachian State lost to North Carolina A&T for only the second time in seven games in the all-time series and for the first time in five contests played in Boone (only other N.C. A&T win was a 22-10 victory in Greensboro, N.C. on Sept. 4, 1993).....The loss snapped Appalachian State's 32-game home winning streak versus in-state opponents. The Mountaineers had not lost at home to an in-state opponent since a 34-7 loss to Western Carolina at then-Conrad Stadium on Oct. 6, 1984....Freshman running back Marcus Cox scored the first touchdown of his career on a 35-yard reception in the first quarter....Sophomore Kevin Walton's third-quarter interception was the first of his career....Redshirt freshman tight end Barrett Burns scored the first touchdown of his career on a 10-yard reception in the third

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quarter....Sophomore quarterback Kameron Bryant's 10-yard touchdown pass to Burns was the first of his career.

NORTH CAROLINA A&T 24, APPALACHIAN STATE 21

Score by Quarters 1 2 3 4 Total

North Carolina A&T 14 7 0 3 - 24

Appalachian State 6 0 0 15 - 21

1st

11:11 APP - Marcus Cox 35 yd pass from Londry-Jackson (Logan Hallock pass intcpt), 11-80
3:49 0 - 6

10:59 NCAT - MCRAE,Tony 91 yd kickoff return (JONES,Cody kick) 7 - 6

00:00 NCAT - LAWRENCE,Desmond 2 yd pass from QUICK,Kawshaun (JONES,Cody kick),
8-47 3:26 14 - 6

2nd

00:04 NCAT - GRANT,D'Vonte 57 yd interception return (JONES,Cody kick) 21 - 6

4th

08:11 NCAT - JONES,Cody 27 yd field goal, 10-47 4:42 24 - 6

05:23 APP - Barrett Burns 10 yd pass from Kameron Bryant (Simms McElfresh pass from
Kameron Bryant), 11-65 2:48 24 - 14

00:24 APP - Marcus Cox 9 yd pass from Kameron Bryant (Drew Stewart kick), 8-88 1:29 24 - 21

Team Statistics

FIRST DOWNS: NCAT 12, ASU 23

RUSHING YARDS: NCAT 144, ASU 67

PASSING YARDS: NCAT 100, ASU 311

TOTAL YARDS: NCAT 244, ASU 378

FUMBLES/LOST: NCAT 1/0, ASU 3/0

TURNOVERS: NCAT 1, ASU 2

PENALTY YARDS: NCAT 10-100, ASU 4-36

POSSESSION TIME: NCAT 31:48, ASU 28:12

3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS: NCAT 5-16, ASU 8-18

4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS: NCAT 0-1, ASU 0-2

QUARTERBACK SACKS: NCAT 2-9Y, ASU 2-13Y

Individual Statistics

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RUSHING

NCAT: DRAKE 21-84

ASU: FERGERSON 14-44, COX 8-36

PASSING:

NCAT: QUICK 120-21-100

ASU: LONDRY-JACKSON 11-20-21-120, BRYANT 21-31-191-2TD

RECEIVING:

NCAT: LAWRENCE 5-43-TD

ASU: WASHINGTON 11-101, PEACOCK 11-93

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