

Appalachian State University volleyball swept its competition on the second day of the North Carolina State Midtown Courtyard Classic at Reynolds Coliseum. Appalachian managed a pair of 3-0 victories over Towson and Binghamton to wrap up its second regular-season tournament.

APPALACHIAN 3, BINGHAMTON 0

Following the evening victory, the Mountaineers are now 6-1 overall, while Binghamton dropped to 0-6 after being defeated 25-16, 25-18 and 25-15 by the Mountaineers. The Bearcats are now 0-2 all-time versus Appalachian State.

A 7-1 run by Appalachian State in the first set handed the Mountaineers a 12-6 advantage, but Binghamton managed to cut the deficit to three following a pair of kills from Grace Vickers. The Mountaineers extended their lead to eight, however, forcing a Binghamton time out before closing the set on an 8-1 run to jump ahead, 1-0.

Appalachian extended its momentum into the second set, edging ahead with a 14-7 lead. The Bearcats attempted a comeback, but Appalachian's match-best .452 hitting percentage would prevent any chance as the Mountaineers took the frame, 25-18.

The final set saw the Black and Gold hold Binghamton to a negative hitting percentage as the Apps jumped out to a 12-5 lead and never looked back. A quick shot from Binghamton, along with a pair of Allison Hovie kills, pulled the Bearcats within three, but Appalachian connected on 10 terminations, while committing just one attack error to take the final set at 25-15.

Appalachian hit at a .340 clip with 41 kills and just eight errors, while Binghamton hit .051 for the match and put down just 28 kills compared to 23 attack errors.

All-tournament selection Lauren Gray (Round Rock, Texas/Round Rock) boasted a team-high 16 kills for a .556 hitting percentage and 20 points. Sophomore Meghan Mahoney (Leawood, Kan./Blue Valley) chipped in 16 digs, while outside hitter Jess Keller (Swarthmore, Pa./Strath Haven) tallied two blocks.

Senior middle Grace Vickers had a team-high nine kills for the Bearcats, while junior setter Amanda Dettmann handed out 22 assists and senior libero Xiomara Ortiz collected a team-best 14 digs.

APPALACHIAN 3, TOWSON 0

Appalachian State University volleyball opened up day two of the NC State Tournament in strong fashion following a 3-0 sweep of Towson University at Reynolds Coliseum.

With the morning victory, the Mountaineers improve to 5-1 on the season, while Towson falls to 3-4 overall.

For the third consecutive match, outside hitter Emily Corrigan (Johns Creek, Ga./Chattahoochee) led Appalachian's offensive effort with 12 kills and 14 points. Sophomore Jess Keller followed closely behind with nine kills, adding 11.5 points for the Black and Gold. Once again, Meghan Mahoney held the defensive side of the ball with 12 digs, while freshman libero Kati Stammen (Raleigh, N.C./Leesville Road) put up seven digs of her own.

Appalachian saw five of its players shoot .200 or better, with middle blocker Hailey Kerr (Collierville, Tenn./Collierville) recording a team-high .571 percentage against the Tigers.

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Lauren Gray hit a solid .364 for the night, along with four block assists, while Corrigan recorded .360 on the attack.

Junior Victoria Williams led Towson with nine kills and Candace Steadman recorded a team-high .400 hitting percentage, while five other Tigers recorded negative percentages in the loss. Outside hitter Saitaua losia notched a team-high six digs for Towson, while Lindsay Flaherty had three block assists.

Up next, the Mountaineers will head to Waco, Texas to compete in the Baylor Tournament, facing Colorado and Baylor on Friday, September 13, followed by Northwestern State that Saturday.

NC State Midtown Courtyard Classic All-Tournament Team

Most Valuable Player

Rachel Buckley, NC State

All-Tournament Team

Dariyan Hopper, NC State

Brie Merriwether, NC State

Emily Corrigan, Appalachian State

Lauren Gray, Appalachian State

Grace Vickers, Binghamton

Saitaua losia, Towson

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