

ASU Men's Soccer Earns Draw With Spartans

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Appalachian State University men's soccer earned a draw with the Spartans of USC Upstate in a two overtime match at Appalachian Soccer Stadium on Saturday evening, 1-1. The Mountaineers had some trouble getting going early on, but for a team known for its defense they were stout and didn't allow many shots or scoring chances in the first half.

App State would go into halftime tied with the Spartans, 0-0. The best chance for the Mountaineers would be a team save from the Spartans to save a would be goal from Stanley Broaden.

The first score of the game would be tallied by the Spartans' Dave Musambi in the 49th minute on a shot outside the box that was able to beat the Mountaineer starting goalkeeper Danny Free diving to his right. Free would make two saves on the night.

The opportunities for the Mountaineers were certainly plentiful. Appalachian led in shots 14-7 and shots on target 4-3. The most staggering thing offensively for App State was how many corner kicks they were able to produce. In all, they would take 18 corner kicks to the Spartans two.

The offensive push for the Mountaineers would pay off when Luke Adams sent a ball up the near side that connected with the foot of Trey Hemphill. Hemphill would make a nice move going to his left ripping a shot that would be the equalizer the Mountaineers were looking for. The rocket off Hemphill's foot would beat Hassan El-Haddad to tie the score 1-1 in the 75th minute. Haddad earned the start for the Spartans and made two saves.

The goal from Hemphill would eventually send the game into what would turn out to be two overtime periods. The Mountaineers outshot the Spartans 6-1 in the 20 minutes of overtime. The Mountaineers will be participating in the Lipscomb Invitational beginning next Friday, Sept. 20 in Nashville, Tennessee. They will play host Lipscomb on Friday and then Belmont on Sunday. Kick off on Friday is set for 7 p.m. while Sunday is set for 2 p.m.

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