

Baskin, Eaves Lead Gold Past Black

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Tevin Baskin and Frank Eaves each notched a game-high 16 points as the Gold squad topped the Black squad by a 50-47 final as Appalachian State University

men's basketball hosted its Black & Gold Scrimmage on Wednesday at the Holmes Center.

The Mountaineers split into two even teams of seven players each for the contest, which consisted of a 20-minute first half and a 10-minute second half. Chris Burgess struck first for the Gold with a three pointer on the team's opening possession of the game.

Eaves followed with a trey of his own to put the Gold up 6-0 and the team would ride the wave of momentum to a 10-point halftime lead (35-25). Despite trailing by double digits in the shortened second half, the Black squad came out firing on all cylinders.

Thanks to a hot-shooting second half in which the Black squad shot 75.0 percent (9-of-12) from the floor, the team was able to cut the Gold's lead to just two points (42-40) when Tab Hamilton connected from long range with 3:27 left to play.

Another three pointer from Mike Neal put the Black up by one on the next possession and he connected again from long range with 1:27 remaining to put his team up by three (47-44). A layup and a pair of free throws from Baskin, combined with a pair of Burgess free throws in the final minute, sealed the deal and sent the Gold team home with a 50-47 win.

Hamilton led the Black with 14 points while Neal had 13 and Ty Toney finished with 11. Burgess chipped in with 10 points for the Gold and tied Neal with a game-high four assists. Following the game, two players from each team competed in three-point and slam-dunk contests. Burgess came away as the winner in the three-point competition by defeating Neal while Dustin Clarke took top billing in the dunk contest against Jacob Lawson.

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Appalachian State will open the regular season at NC State on Nov. 8 before playing host to Campbell in its first home game on Nov. 12.

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