

## Mountaineers Snap Losing Streak, Trounce Eagles

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And the Appalachian State University football team broke its four-game losing streak in a big way by knocking off No.24 Georgia Southern 38-14 on Saturday afternoon at Kidd Brewer Stadium. Saturday's win also broke a personal four-game losing streak at home.

The Mountaineers piled up 515 yards offensively, and quarterback Kam Bryant had his best effort of the season. Bryant was 27-33 for 381 yards with two touchdown passes. The Mountaineers (2-6 overall; 2-3 Southern Conference) broke the game open by scoring 31 consecutive points in the second-and-third quarters combined.

And Bryant played a huge role in the blowout win. His two-yard run early in the second quarter tied the game at 7-7, and his seven-yard run with 24 seconds left in the first half gave ASU a 17-7 halftime lead.

ASU delivered the knockout blow with a 21-point outburst in the third quarter. Coming into Saturday's game with the Eagles (4-3; 2-3), the Mountaineers had scored all of ten points in the third quarter this season.

Marcus Cox, following a Georgia Southern turnover, scored on a 12-yard run as he bulled his way into the end zone for a 24-7 lead; Bryant's nine-yard scoring toss to Sims McElfresh gave the Mountaineers a commanding 31-7 lead and put the contest completely out of reach.

"The difference between today's game and the other games we executed," said ASU senior wide receiver Andrew Peacock. "It was awesome. We did what we were suppose to do, and the game plan was perfect. We have so many weapons on this team offensively. When you're 1-6, and you go through all the adversity we've gone through all year, it's tough to fight through it. But we have to build off this game, and we want to finish the season on a strong note."

Peacock caught ten passes for 127 yards; Cox led the running game with 104 yards on 20 carries. It was Cox's third 100-yard rushing game of the season.

Making matters worse for the Eagles, they lost Jerick McKinnon in the first quarter.

"And it was the perfect storm for us," said ASU coach Scott Satterfield. "Losing (McKinnon) was a huge loss for them. This is our time to come together. We've been too sporadic all season. It was a total team effort. It's been a tough year, so far. But our kids have worked their tails off. Let's finish our season strong, and this is a step in the right direction."

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The Apps take on Chattanooga at home next Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Coverage begins at 1:30 p.m. on the App State IMG Sports Network and AM 1450, WATA Radio.

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