

Davidson Nips ASU Men's Soccer In OT

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Appalachian State University men's soccer dropped a tough match at Davidson in what was its final Southern Conference game of the season. With the loss the Mountaineers will be the No. 7 seed in the conference tournament.

The Mountaineers (3-7-6, 1-4-1) were able to get on the board first. In the 50th minute of the game Matthew Melton (Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett) sent a beauty of a cross from the far side to the back post where Stephen Chapman (Greensboro, N.C./North Guilford) was able to put his head on his fourth goal of the season getting it past Matt Pacifici for the 1-0 advantage. Pacifici made two saves on the night for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats (8-9-1, 2-4-0) leveled the game in the 55th minute when Jake Keator struck one from 25-yards out on a shanked kick that got past Danny Free to the far post. Free made two saves on the night for the Mountaineers.

The game would head into overtime deadlocked at 1-1 when Valeriy Sviderskiy received a cross into the box from Shane Macnamara and sent a sliding shot into the net for the game-winner.

Despite the outcome, Appalachian led Davidson in shots 11 to nine and garnered the majority of the scoring chances with near misses from Stanley Broaden (Wilmington, N.C./Eugene Ashley) and Mason McCarter (Shelby, N.C./Shelby). The defense for App State play extremely calm as well in pressure situations. Harrison Delbridge (Raleigh, N.C./Needham Broughton), Patrick Harrow (Davidson, N.C./North Mecklenburg), Kojo Thompson (Wellington, Fla./Wellington) and Jordan Melia (Bolton, England/Rivington and Blackrod) snuffed out a number of Wildcat opportunities on the attack and in the box.

App State will play its first round game next Friday on the road against the No. 2 seed in the tournament with the first seed receiving a bye for round one.