

ASU Women Top USC-Aiken in Exhibition

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Maryah Sydnor scored a game-high 24 points as Appalachian State University women's basketball topped USC-Aiken, 73-55, in its lone exhibition contest of the season on Saturday at the Holmes Center. The Mountaineers saw three players score in double figures as Bria Huffman (14) and Katie Mallow (11) also helped lead Appalachian's offense.

After falling behind by as many as eight points (28-20) with just over six minutes to play in the first half, the Apps closed out the first period on a 14-4 run to take a 34-32 lead into the locker room.

Appalachian never trailed again and eventually built a double-digit lead (55-43) when Sydnor drilled a fadeaway three-pointer from six feet beyond the arc as time ran out on the shot clock.

The Pacers were able to cut the lead to eight points (55-47) with a quick 4-0 run, but the Mountaineers staved off the potential comeback and took total control, pushing the lead back to double digits (57-47) when LaShawna Gatewood made a pair of free throws on the next possession.

The Apps would outscore USC-Aiken 16-8 the rest of the way en route to a convincing 73-55 win in their final tune-up before the regular-season opener at Vanderbilt on Nov. 8.

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