

Mountaineers Drop Season Opener to Commodores

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Appalachian State University women's basketball opened up the 2013-14 campaign at Vanderbilt on Friday night, dropping the game 96-53 at Memorial Gym. Maryah Sydnor led all players in scoring with 24 on the night, but it would not be enough for the Apps as the Commodores dominated both halves. The Commodores scored the first three points of the game and never looked back, outscoring the Mountaineers 51-26 in the first half.

The Mountaineers would stay within three points until there was 11 minutes left in the first half when Vanderbilt would go on a 10-2 run to lead 26-14. From there the Commodores would charge ahead, scoring 20 points in the paint to Appalachian's eight and lead by 25 points at halftime. Vanderbilt shot an impressive 53.1 percent (17-32) in the first half as freshman Rebekah Dahlman led the way with 14 first-half points.

Sydnor led the Mountaineers with 14 first-half points, but the Apps shot just 30 percent (9-30) from the floor in the first half of the game. The Commodores would come out on fire in the second half, scoring the first nine points, six of them from Dahlman. From there, Vanderbilt would go on an 11-4 run to make the score 71-30 with 12 minutes to play.

Appalachian would come no closer as the Commodores continued their pace, making the final score of the game 96-53. Sydnor finished the game with a double-double, tallying a game-high 24 points 12 rebounds. Bria Huffman would follow, scoring 10 points and bringing down five boards. Bria Carter recorded six points in her collegiate debut, while pulling down four rebounds for the Mountaineers, while KeKe Cooper notched five rebounds.

The Commodores were paced by Dahlman's 23 points, netting six for seven from three-point range. Jasmine Jenkins followed, tallying 19 points and six assists on the night. Marqu'es Webb (13), Christina Foggie (10) and Jasmine Lister (10) all hit double figures for Vanderbilt. The Mountaineers grabbed 37 rebounds to Vanderbilt's 36, while The Commodores turned the ball over 19 times and forced 26 turnovers for the Apps.

App State shot just 29.7 percent (19-64) on the game, while Vanderbilt hit 57.1 percent (32-56) from the floor. The Mountaineers will return to action on Tuesday, Nov. 12 when they take on ETSU at the Holmes Center at 5:30 p.m.

VANDERBILT 96, ASU 53

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1 TOTAL

APPALACHIAN STATE 26 27 - 53

VANDERBILT 51 46 - 96

ASU: SYDNOR 24 (12 REBOUNDS), CARTER 6, TAYLOR 4, MALLOW 4, COOPER 2, HUFFMAN 10, MARSHALL 3. FG: 19-64, 3FG: 2-12, FT: 13-15. 37 REBOUNDS, 26 TURNOVERS, 10 ASSISTS.

VANDERBILT: BOWE 5, WEBB 13, DAHLMAN 23, FOGGIE 10, LISTER 10, SCHRANN 6, JENKINS 19 (6 ASSISTS), SMITH 1, BATEY 1, LONG 8. FG: 32-56, 3FG: 10-15, FT: 22-34. 36 REBOUNDS, 20 TURNOVERS, 19 ASSISTS.

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