

ASU Women Handle Highlanders

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Appalachian State University women's basketball got its first win against a Division I opponent on Monday night, beating Radford 83-60 at the Dedmon Center.

Maryah Sydnor had a big night for the Mountaineers as she became the 23rd player in Appalachian women's basketball history to score 1,000 points in their career. Sydnor was welcomed back to her hometown of Radford, Va. and scored 24 points in the game in front of a huge crowd of friends and family.

The Apps (2-7, 0-1 SoCon) began the game on fire, scoring six points in the first 45 seconds of the game and forcing Radford (2-7, 0-2 Big South) to take an early timeout. The Mountaineers would continue on a 23-6 run, finding scoring from six different players. The Black and Gold led the Highlanders 35-20 at the half, with Sydnor leading the team with eight points.

Appalachian shot 60.0 percent (15-25) from the floor in the first half, while Radford 28.0 percent (7-25).

The Mountaineers were able to continue the scoring in the second, pulling ahead 45-28 in the first four minutes. The Apps tried their best to get Sydnor the ball as she inched closer to the 22 points she needed to hit the milestone. Sydnor would convert on two free throws with 6:36 left in the game to score the 1,000th point of her career.

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App State would not give up the commanding lead, winning only their second game of the season against Radford with a final score of 83-60.

Sydnor led all scorers with her 24 points on the game, while Katie Mallow followed with 13 points and a team-high three assists in the win.

KeKe Cooper recorded her fourth double-double of the season against the Highlanders, notching 11 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Mia Marshall had one of her best games of the season in the win, tallying eight points and a game-high four steals, while Joi Jones chipped in eight points of her own, going perfect from the floor and the free throw line.

Bria Huffman added to the win as well, shooting 3-5 from the floor for seven points and grabbing five rebounds.

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The Apps shot 50.9 percent (29-57) from the floor in game and had their second-best free throw percentage of the season with a mark of 82.1 percent (23-28).

Ayana Avery led the Highlanders with 19 points, while Aisha Foy followed with 16 points. Radford shot 43.4 percent (23-53) from the floor in the game.

The Mountaineers outrebounded the Highlanders 38-24 and had 14 turnovers to Radford's 18.

The Apps will return to action on Friday, Dec. 20 when they travel to Columbus, Ohio to take on Ohio State at 7 p.m.

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Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Appalachian State 35 48 - 83

Radford 20 40 - 60

ASU: SYDNOR 24, MARSHALL 8, COOPER 11 (11 REBOUNDS), TAYLOR 3, MALLOW 13, WOOD 3, CARTER 4, JONES 8, HUFFMAN 7, DONIERE 2. FG: 29-57, 3FG: 2-10, FT: 23-28. 38 REBOUNDS, 11 ASSISTS, 14 TURNOVERS.

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RADFORD: ROSS 6 (6 REBOUNDS), FOY 16, AVERY 19 (6 REBOUNDS), GORDON 4, (7 ASSISTS), McIVOR 6, ROBINSON 2, GAYMON 5, BROWER 2. FG: 23-53, 3FG: 6-17, FT: 8-17. 24 REBOUNDS, 14 ASSISTS, 16 TURNOVERS.

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