

ASU Women Fall at Furman

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Appalachian State University women's basketball lost to Furman in a 73-54 contest in Greenville, S.C. on Saturday, falling to 0-2 in Southern Conference play.

Joi Jones was a spark plug for the Mountaineers, notching a career high of 19 points in the game, but it would not be enough to help the Mountaineers as they started the month of January with a loss.

The first half began with a close game as the score was tied four different times. It would not be until nine minutes left in the half that the Paladins would go on a 13-0 run, featuring back-to-back three pointers from Allison Beasley, to take a 24-12 lead.

The Apps would not be able to close the lead, making the score 39-23 at halftime.

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The Mountaineers ended the first half with a 30.4 field goal percentage, connecting on seven of 23 shot attempts. Jones led the team with 10 points at halftime.

Furman shot 32.3 percent (10-31) from the floor in the first half with Beasley converting for the Paladins with 11 points at halftime. Beasley shot 3-4 from the arc in the first half.

The Paladins entered the second half with an immediate jumper from Holli Wilkins, but Farrahn Wood respond with a three point play for Appalachian to make the score 41-26. The Mountaineers' offense would begin to connect, but Furman's Brittany Hodges became unstoppable in the paint during the second half, scoring ten points in the first ten minutes.

KeKe Cooper hit a jumper with 5:19 left in the game to put the Apps within ten points, but Hodges would respond for the Paladins with another lay up from down low. The Mountaineers would eventually fall to the Paladins with a score of 73-54.

Jones and Maryah Sydnor led the Mountaineers as Jones tallied 19 points and six rebounds and Sydnor would score her sixth double-double of the year in the game, recording 17 points and ten rebounds.

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Cooper also had a solid game for App State, notching 10 points and seven rebounds in the loss.

The Mountaineers shot 34.6 percent from the floor in the game, while pulling down 37 rebounds and turning the ball over 17 times.

The Paladins had four players score in double-figures, highlighted by Hodges' 17 points and nine rebounds. Beasley recorded 13 points and seven rebounds, while Janice Roberts and Sarah Durdaller tallied 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Brigid Morrissey dished out 11 assists in the Paladins' victory.

Furman hit 21 field goals for a 36.2 percentage on the game. The team grabbed 43 rebounds and recorded 12 turnovers in the game.

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The Mountaineers will stay in South Carolina for a visit to Wofford where they will take on the Terriers on Monday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m.

FURMAN 73, APPALACHIAN STATE 54

SCORE BY PERIODS	1ST	2ND	TOTAL
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APPALACHIAN STATE	23	31	- 54
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FURMAN	39	34	- 79
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ASU: COOPER 10 (7 REBOUNDS), SYDNOR 17 (10 REBOUNDS), WOOD 5, JONES 19 (6

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REBOUNDS), HUFFMAN 3. FG: 18-52, 3FG: 1-8, FT: 17-29. 37 REBOUNDS, 3 ASSISTS, 17 TURNOVERS.

FURMAN: DURDALLER 10, HODGES 17 (9 REBOUNDS), BEASLEY 13 (7 REBOUNDS), WILKINS 9 (5 REBOUNDS), MORRISSEY 5 (12 ASSISTS), ROBERTS 12, BUNN 4 (4 ASSISTS), GOODWIN 2. FG: 21-58, 3FG: 5-19, FT: 26-32. 43 REBOUNDS, 17 ASSISTS, 12 TURNOVERS.

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