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Appalachian State University women's basketball picked up another win on Saturday. They knocked off Davidson 74-66 at the Holmes Center.

Led by Maryah Sydnor's 36 points and 15 rebounds, the Mountaineers (7-11, 4-4 SoCon) got the win against the No.2 seed in the Southern Conference.

Appalachian came out strong, scoring twice in the first 20 seconds to lead 4-0. The Wildcats (9-10; 6-2) responded and tied the game at 6-6 with a three-pointer.

Appalachian regained the lead, but the Wildcats stayed in contention, never falling behind by more than five. A three-pointer from Sydnor stretched App State's lead to six at 25-19.

The lead eventually ballooned to ten points with four minutes to go. Appalachian led at halftime 36-29.

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Sydnor had 15 points and ten rebounds in the first half. KeKe Cooper had seven rebounds.

The Mountaineers shot 38.1 percent (16-42) in the first half; Davidson shot 35.7 (10-28). Dakota Dukes led the Wildcats with 12 points.

Davidson scored first to start the second half, but Appalachian responded with a jumper by Bria Huffman and layup from Sydnor. The Apps would seemed to have things under control, but the Wildcats went on a 9-2 run and narrowed the gap down to three points with 15:30 left to play.

Appalachian responed by taking an 11-point lead, thanks to a trey from Sydnor at the 9:13 minute mark. But Davidson ran off 12 consecutive points and took a brief 55-54 lead with 6:10 left in the game. Katie Mallow ended Appalachian's drought, hitting a huge shot from behind the arc to put them back in the lead.

The Mountaineers would never trail again. Davidson cut the lead to one point with 2:56 left to play, but the Apps connected for 13 points in the last 2:30 of the game to win it by eight points.

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Sydnor finished the game with her ninth double-double of the season and a new career-high of 36 points, while pulling down 15 rebounds. Huffman scored in double-figures for the fifth straight game, recording 10 points.

Mallow came up big for App State at the end of the game, finishing with eight points and seven assists. The Mountaineers shot 41.5 percent in the game, while grabbing 46 rebounds and turning the ball over 19 times.

Davidson was led by Dukes' 23 points and nine rebounds, followed by Laura Murray's 13 points and Hannah Early's 12 points. The Wildcats shot 36.5 percent from the floor, grabbed 29 rebounds and recorded 15 turnovers.

With the win, Appalachian improves to 4-4 in the conference while also giving Davidson just their second SoCon loss this season.

The Mountaineers return to action on Monday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. when they play Georgia Southern in the Holmes Center.

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### APPALACHIAN STATE 74, DAVIDSON 66

#### SCORE BY PERIODS 1 2 TOTAL

DAVIDSON COLLEGE 29 37 - 66

APPALCHIAN STATE 36 38 - 74

**DAVIDSON:** EARLY 12, DUKES 23 (9 REBOUNDS), MURRAY 13, ERIKSSON 4, McCABE 7, LONG 2, CENTER 5. FG: 19-52, 3FG: 4-20, FT: 24-30. 29 REBOUNDS, 12 ASSISTS, 15 TURNOVERS.

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**ASU:** COOPER 3 (8 REBOUNDS), SYDNOR 36 (15 REBOUNDS), MARSHALL 4, HUFFMAN 10, WOOD 6, JONES 5, MALLOW 8 (7 ASSISTS), DONIERE 2. FG: 27-65, 3FG: 5-20, FT: 15-17. 46 REBOUNDS, 14 ASSISTS, 19 TURNOVERS.

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