

ASU Women Grounded By Eagles

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Appalachian State University women's basketball dropped a game to Georgia Southern on Monday night in the Holmes Center with a final score of 68-59.

The Mountaineers (7-12, 4-5 SoCon) started the game strong, but eventually fell behind to the Eagles (7-13, 5-4) and could not close the gap, falling to 4-5 in the conference.

Appalachian was first to get on the board with a jumper from Bria Huffman, but Georgia Southern's MiMi DuBose responded with a three-pointer to put the Eagles up by one. The half would continue this way as the lead would change five more times. With the score tied 16-16 with 11:46 to play in the first, Georgia Southern found a three-pointer to take a 19-16 lead.

From there the Eagles would begin to lengthen their lead, continuing to find points from behind the arc. With 5:52 left in the half, the Mountaineers would only trail by three points, but Georgia Southern would close the half with a 12-0 run to make the score 37-25 at halftime.

Huffman led the Mountaineer at the half, scoring eight points. The Apps shot 36.4 percent

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(12-33) from the floor in the first half.

DuBose was perfect from behind the arc for the Eagles in the first half, shooting 4-4 and recording 12 points in the first. Georgia Southern shot a 48.4 percent (15-31) field goal percentage.

The second half began cold as neither team could find a basket until Maryah Sydnor hit two free throws at the 18 minute mark. Appalachian trailed by 11 points with 14:18 left to play, but the Apps would suddenly go on a 6-0 run. A steal from Sydnor and a jumper from Michelle Taylor would cut Georgia Southern's lead to just five points with 12:28 to play.

The Eagles would not give up, finding foul shots and hitting a three-pointer to extend the lead again. The Mountaineers would not have enough time to catch up, falling to Georgia Southern with a score of 68-59.

Huffman led the Mountaineers with a career high of 19 points, while Sydnor followed with 15 of her own. Sydnor led the team in rebounds, grabbing nine on the night.

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Mia Marshall, KeKe Cooper and Taylor each notched eight rebounds in the loss.

The Mountaineers shot 39.3 percent in the game, while pulling down 44 rebounds and turning the ball over 16 times.

Georgia Southern had five players score in double-figures with DuBose leading the way with 15 points. Angel McGowan had 13 in the victory, followed by Sierra Kirkland (12), Danielle Spencer (11), and Anna Claire Knight (10).

The Eagles shot 43.6 percent from the floor and recorded 32 rebounds, while turning the ball over 13 times.

Appalachian will return to action on Saturday, Feb. 1 when they play Wofford at the Holmes Center at 4:30 p.m.

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN 68, APPALACHIAN STATE 59

Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Georgia Southern 37 31 - 68

Appalachian Stat 25 34 - 59

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN: JONES 4, SPENCER 11, DOWLING 3, KNIGHT 10, DUBOSE 15, MCGOWEN 13, KIRKLAND 12 (7 REBOUNDS). FG: 24-55, 3FG: 8-19, FT: 12-18. 32 REBOUNDS, 13 ASSISTS, 13 TURNOVERS.

ASU: COOPER 9 (8 REBOUNDS), MARSHALL 7 (8 REBOUNDS), SYDNOR 15 (9 REBOUNDS), TAYLOR 4 (8 REBOUNDS, 4 ASSISTS), HUFFMAN 19, MALLOW 4, DONIERE 1. FG: 24-61, 3FG: 0-8, FT: 11-17. 44 REBOUNDS, 6 ASSISTS, 16 TURNOVERS.

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