

## Mountaineers Dismiss Paladins, 75-70

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The Appalachian State University women's basketball continued its torrid pace by knocking off Furman 75-70 at the Holmes Center Monday night. The win moves App State into a third-place tie with the Paladins in the Southern Conference standings.

The Mountaineers (9-12, 6-5 SoCon) had four players in double figures. KeKe Cooper led App State with 16 points; Maryah Sydnor pitched in with 14 points and ten rebounds. Bria Huffman had 15 points.

The Paladins (12-10, 6-5 SoCon) led by six early in the first half. Leading 16-10, the Mountaineers went on a 10-0 run to take a 20-16 lead with eight minutes left in the first half. App State held serve and was up 34-31 halftime.

The Apps gradually pulled away in the second half. Katie Mallow hit a lay up to put Appalachian up by seven at 50-43. But Furma chipped away and trailed 58-56 with 8:02 left to play.

The lead was whittled down to a point game with 2:27 left at 67-66, but the Mountaineers iced it

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away with six free throws down the stretch. The Mountaineers shot 42.9 percent from the floor with 42 rebounds and 14 turnovers.

Brittany Hodges led Furman with a game-high 20 points and 14 rebounds. Holli Wilkin of the Paladins had 17 points; Whitney Bunn poured in 11 points; Sarah Durdaller had ten points and nine rebounds. Furman shot 38.2 percent, notching 44 rebounds with 15 turnovers.

Appalachian travels to Chattanooga Saturday, February 8, to play the Mocs in a 2 p.m. game. Chattanooga currently leads the SoCon standings with an 11-0 record. Coverage begins at 1:30 p.m. on Classic Hits 100.7 FM.

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### Score by periods 1st 2nd Total

Furman University 31 39 - 70

Appalachian State 34 41 - 75

**FURMAN:** HODGES 20 (14 REBOUNDS), BEASLEY 2, DURDALLER 10 (9 REBOUNDS), WILKINS 17, MORRISSEY 6 (8 ASSISTS), ROBERTS 4, BUNN 11. FG: 26-68, 3FG: 1-15, FT: 17-24. 44 REBOUNDS, 14 ASSISTS, 15 TURNOVERS.

**ASU:** COOPER 16, SYDNOR 14 (10 REBOUNDS), MARSHALL 4, JONES 2, HUFFMAN 15 (7 REBOUNDS), TAYLOR 4, MALLOW 14, DONIERE 6. FG: 27-63, 3FG: 1-7, FT: 20-26. 42

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