

## Samford Edges App State Women

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The Appalachian State University women's basketball team dropped a 55-47 decision at Samford on Monday night.

The Mountaineers (9-14 overall; 6-7 Southern Conference) kept things close, but Samford (8-16; 6-7) eventually pulled away at the end. The loss drops App State and Samford into a two-way tie for fifth place.

The Bulldogs led Monday's low-scoring affair 26-21 at halftime. The Apps took a brief lead at 30-29 with 13 minutes left to play, thanks to a three ball by Farrahn Wood. But the Bulldogs responded with a three of their own that just beat the shot clock for a 32-30 lead. Both teams struggled to score from there.

As a matter of fact, neither team scored during a three-and-a-half minute stretch of the second half.

KeKe Cooper finally broke the scoring drought when she was fouled in the act of shooting with

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9:24 left in the game. She made two free throws that tied the game at 34-34. A free throw from Bria Huffman handed App State its final lead at 35-34 with 8:39 to go.

But the Apps eventually fell behind and trailed 46-43 with a little more than four minutes left to play. The Mountaineers never got any closer than two points the rest of the way.

A stick-back and a free throw that completed a conventional three-point play handed the Bulldogs a 49-45 lead with 31.3 seconds left in the game.

The Apps only scored two points the rest of the way on a jumper by Joi Jones with 10.3 second left.

Cooper led the Mountaineers, recording a double-double, with 12 points and 13 rebounds. Sydnor followed with 11 points, while pulling down 14 boards. Huffman had six steals in the loss.

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Appalachian shot 38.6 percent from the floor, while recording 36 rebounds and 27 turnovers.

Christy Robinson led the Bulldogs with 14 points; Krista Stricklin had 13 points. The Bulldogs shot 36.4 percent from the floor with 26 rebounds. The Bulldogs made 18 turnovers.

The Mountaineers return home to play UNCG Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

**SAMFORD 55, APPALACHIAN STATE 47**

**SCORE BY PERIODS 1ST 2ND TOTAL**

APPALACHIAN STATE 21 26 - 47

SAMFORD UNIVERSTIY 26 29 - 55

**ASU:** SYDNOR 11 (14 REBOUNDS), HUFFMAN 5, COOPER 12 (13 REBOUNDS), MALLOW 4, WOOD 3, JONES 6, MARSHALL 4, DONIERE 2. FG: 17-44, 3FG: 1-8, FT: 12-16. 36 REBOUNDS, 8 ASSISTS, 27 TURNOVERS.

**SAMFORD:** RIGGINS 5, ROBINSON 14, YOUNG 9, STEVENS 3, NICHOLS 9, STRICKLIN 13, FLETCHER 2. FG: 16-44, 3FG: 4-16. FT: 19-25. 26 REBOUNDS, 11 ASSISTS, 18 TURNOVERS.

**Photo Courtesy: Bria Huffman, ASU Athletics**