

Mountaineers Down Bulldogs, 2-1

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Appalachian State University men's soccer picked up its first win of the preseason with a 2-1 victory over UNC Asheville on Friday.

"After just four days of camp, we were organized defensively and played really well," said head coach Matt Nelson. "This game provides a great starting point for us and there a lot of positives that we can build on going into our second game on Sunday."

The Mountaineers struck first in the 34th minute on a 20-yard blast from Stephen Chapman (Greensboro, N.C./Northwest Guilford) with an assist credited to Patrick Harrow (Davidson, N.C./North Mecklenburg).

The Apps would extend their lead to 2-0 in the 53rd minute when Mason McCarter (Shelby, N.C./Shelby) would score his first goal while wearing the Black and Gold. On a set piece, McCarter was able to bury the eventual game-winner from 22 yards with Alex Herbst (Apex, N.C./Apex) assisting on the play.

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The Bulldogs tallied their lone goal in the 83rd minute. A bending corner kick from Zach Joens was caught while across the goal line.

Paul West (Apex, N.C./Apex) saw the majority of time in the net and allowed no goals and didn't have to make a save with solid defensive play in front of him. Also splitting time in net was Holland Hammond (Jacksonville, N.C./Jacksonville) and Jaron Bradley (Charlotte, N.C./Hough) for Appalachian. Hammond made two saves, while Bradley made one.

Trey Hemphill (Asheville, N.C./T.C. Roberson) led the squad with four shots. Chapman, McCarter, Harrow, Herbst, Donovan Japp (Oakridge, N.C./Northwest Guilford) and Jack Adams (Raleigh, N.C./Wakefield) each tallied one shot each.

App State tallied 10 shots to the Bulldogs nine. Of the 10 shots, four were on goal with two proving to be the difference. The Apps also lead in corner kicks with seven chances to the Bulldogs five.

The Mountaineers will host Campbell on Sunday in their second exhibition game of the preseason. Kick off is set for 7 p.m. from Appalachian Soccer Stadium.