

## App State Men's Soccer Edged By UNCG

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Appalachian State University men's soccer dropped a tough match to UNCG on Saturday evening, 2-1. The Mountaineers (2-3-6, 0-2-1) got a late goal from Matthew Melton (Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett) on a cross into the box by Jordan Melia (Bolton, England/Rivington and Blackrod) to draw App State to within a one goal deficit with just over a minute left in the game. Unfortunately, it was the only score that the Mountaineers would muster on the night.

Neither team tallied a goal in the first half, but there were numerous chances for both teams. The Mountaineers had two beautiful strikes from Harrison Delbridge (Raleigh, N.C./Needham Broughton) and Stephen Chapman (Greensboro, N.C./Northwest Guilford) that missed being goals by mere inches.

The Spartans got on the board first in the 50th minute with a goal by Mahdi Ali off of a corner kick assist from David Reittinger. Ali was able to flick the ball past Danny Free (Doncaster, England/Hall Cross School).

Free (2-3-6) received the start for App State and made four saves and kept his team in the game. UNCG would tally a second goal in the 61st minute when Hill Gwynn crossed a ball into the box and Noah DeAngelo was able to finish to give the Spartans a 2-0 advantage.

In the 71st minute, Delbridge was awarded a penalty kick after taking a foul inside the box. Delbridge put a good strike on it, but Stephen Moffitt guessed correctly and made the save for the Spartans. Moffitt made the start in net and had seven saves on the night.

Both teams were extremely chippy with each other all throughout the match. A total of 32 fouls were called and six yellow cards were dished out on the night. Appalachian would outshoot UNCG by a 16-11 tally with both teams putting six shots on target.

The Mountaineers host Wofford on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Photo Courtesy: Matthew Melton, App State Athletics**