

# APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY MOUNTAINEERS

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## MOUNTAINEERS TAKE DOWN BULLDOGS FOR SECOND-STRAIGHT WIN

BOONE—Appalachian State won its second consecutive conference wrestling match by defeating The Citadel at Varsity Gym on Sunday. The 25-9 victory moves ASU to 6-15 overall and 2-3 in the Southern Conference.

The Mountaineers fell behind to The Citadel (3-7, 0-3) early, 3-0, after Dustin Smith was defeated at 125 pounds, but came back to take a 4-3 lead with Frank Celorrio's major decision at 133 pounds. Celorrio improved his record to 2-2 at 133 pounds after starting the season at 125, where he was 3-10.

Clinton Swango added breathing room for the Mountaineers with a 5-0 decision over Matt Bullwinkel, staking ASU to the 7-3 lead before the teams' aces met at 149 pounds.

National No. 9 Scott Ervin then took a 2-0 decision, carried by a one-point escape and riding time, over one-time conference champion Levi Duyn. The win was Ervin's 21st of the year as the redshirt junior improved to 4-1 in conference play.

The Citadel tried to climb back into the match, winning at 157 pounds. Travis Piccard defeated Eddie Hutchinson to get the Bulldogs back within four points at 10-6. However, in the next match, Tommy Hutchinson pinned Zachary Filter just 59 seconds into the first period to give ASU a commanding 16-6 lead in team points. The pin is Hutchinson's sixth on the year, tying him for the second most on the team.

At 174 pounds, Neal Martin extended his duals win streak to six straight with a 5-4 comeback victory over Darius Caldwell. Martin was down 4-1 at one point but earned the win to extend ASU's lead to 19-6. Martin is 4-1 in conference play and 25-13 overall.

John Dickerson then defeated Dan Carrasco at 184 pounds, 6-5.

At 197 pounds, senior Aaron Barnette returned from a season-long injury wait to win in his first outing of the year. Barnette took a 9-8 decision over Griffen Greene to clinch the win for ASU.

Even with the team win already sealed for ASU, the last match at heavyweight was no friendly. In an intense matchup between ASU's Dave Hazell and The Citadel's John Buck, Hazell carried a 2-1 lead late into the third period before Buck scored a reversal to take a 3-2 lead. Hazell managed an escape to tie the match before regulation time expired, and in the extra period, scored a takedown to take the match.

Appalachian will be riding the 25-9 victory and a two-match winning streak to Jefferson City on Feb. 15, when the Mountaineers face Carson-Newman. The teams will hit the mats at 7 p.m.

Appalachian State 25, The Citadel 9

125 Tylers Sim (CIT) def Dustin Smith (ASU) D 8-7 (0-3)  
133 Frank Cellorio (ASU) def Matthew Leach (CIT) MD 13-1 (4-3)  
141 Clinton Swango (ASU) def Matt Bullwinkel (CIT) D 5-0 (7-3)  
149 Scott Ervin (ASU) def Levi Duyn (CIT) D 2-0 (10-3)  
157 Travis Piccard (CIT) def Eddie Hutchinson (ASU) D 7-3 (10-6)  
165 Tommy Hutchinson (ASU) pins Zachary Filter (CIT) F 0:59 (16-6)  
174 Neal Martin (ASU) def Darius Caldwell (CIT) D 5-4 (19-6)  
184 John Dickerson (CIT) def Dan Carrasco (ASU) D 6-5 (19-9)  
197 Aaron Barnette (ASU) def Griffen Greene (CIT) D 9-8 (22-9)  
HWT Dave Hazell (ASU) def John Buck (CIT) D 5-3 OT (25-9)

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