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Box Scores

Football				
Sept. 6, Richmond, Ky.				
ASU	7	EKU	35	
	1	2	3	4
ASU	0	0	0	7
EKU	14	21	0	0

Passing- ASU, Williams 17-11-1-0; Elsner 15-9-0-1; EKU, Guice 22-16-0-2; Ellis 9-5-0-0.

Receiving- ASU, Hayward, 6-0, Fowlkes 3-1; Johnson 2-0; EKU, Ralston 5-1; Evans 4-1; Green 3-0.

Rushing- ASU, Jackson 8-32; Williams 15-53; Atwater 2-2; EKU, Guice 10-46, TD; Murray 6-23; Hudson 7-20.

Women's Soccer	
Sept. 5, Morehead, Ky	
Appalachian State	1
Morehead State	1

GOAL	Time	Team	Scorer
1	31:53	MS	Setters
2	95:00	ASU	Rudy

Men's Soccer	
Sept. 7, Fairfax, Va.	
Appalachian State	2
James Madison	1

GOAL	Time	Team	Scorer
1	55:11	JMU	Sheridan
2	60:39	ASU	Henriksen
3	99:05	ASU	Breeding

Volleyball	
Sept. 5, Cincinnati, Oh.	
Appalachian State	1
Xavier	3

Score by Games					
	1	2	3	4	Score
ASU	35	35	28	25	1
XAV	37	33	30	30	3

Field Hockey	
Sept. 1, Boone	
Appalachian State	2
Saint Louis	1

GOAL	Time	Team	Scorer
1	10:00	ASU	Brookes
2	10:45	SLU	Lombardo
3	42:00	ASU	Muschardo

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Special teams lend to Mountaineer's 35-7 loss to EKU

BY BRAD NORMAN
Staff Writer

The Eastern Kentucky Colonels have a new coach, a new quarterback, and a new offense.

Thanks in part to some horrible special teams plays by Appalachian, the Colonels series with the Mountaineers now has a new streak as Eastern Kentucky hammered the Mountaineers 35-7 on Saturday, in Richmond, Ky.

The win enabled the Colonels to claim their first win of the series since 1991.

"We got thumped," said Appalachian Head Coach Jerry Moore after the game. "I don't know if we have ever played this poorly in my 15 years here. We just didn't show any enthusiasm."

The poor play of Appalachian's special teams gave Eastern a 14-0 lead before Richie Williams and the offense ever stepped foot onto the field.

Tremayne Perkins took Erik Rockhold's opening kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown to open the game.

On the following kickoff, a short kick bounced off an unsuspecting Daniel Traylor

and the Colonels recovered the ball deep into the Mountaineer territory.

Colonel quarterback Matt Guice would later score on a three yard run.

Eastern also scored on an Allen Evans punt return in the second quarter. Evans' touchdown, which was 68 yards, marked the final of three Colonel touchdowns that were caused by a special teams breakdown and helped give Eastern a 35-0 lead at halftime.

"As a defense, you hate when they put up points on the field," K.T. Stovall said.

"That kills a defense. That hurt us today, but we have to come out as a defense and step up our play and we did not do that," Stovall said.

Offensively, the Mountaineers were ineffective for most of the game, compiling only 237 total yards for the game.

Starting quarterback Richie Williams completed 11 of 17 passes for 99 yards and one interception in nearly three full quarters.

Second string quarterback Eric Elsener led the Mountaineers on their only



Josh Brown | Chief Photographer
Mountaineer quarterback Richie Williams (7) is sacked by Eastern Kentucky's Josue Cineas (72) during Saturday's game. Appalachian lost to the Colonels 35-7 Saturday in Richmond.

scoring drive. He completed nine of 15 passes for 106 yards and a touchdown pass in just over a full quar-

ter of playing time.

The touchdown pass was a strike to Davon Fowlkes. Fowlkes, who also had a touchdown catch against Hawaii, now has two touchdown receptions on the year after failing to catch a touchdown pass in the entire season last year.

The loss puts the Mountaineers at 0-2 on the season.

"I've never been 0-2 before and I've never been beat 35-7 before either," said wide receiver Sterling Hayward. Hayward caught six passes for 66 yards.

"We can't look back at this game, we can only look forward. We have to work hard because the season is not over. We just have to stay focused and keep playing hard."

This game marks the second game in a row where the Mountaineers fell into an early hole that they

could not get out of.

"It's almost like we didn't get off the bus," Stovall said.

"They came to play, and we didn't. We did not play App State football, and to be honest, I don't know what we're doing out there. But we've got to get it together."

Appalachian will have a much needed off day this Saturday before playing their first home game of the season against Morehead State on Sept. 20.

"The way we played [against Eastern Kentucky], it's perfect timing for a bye week," Moore said.

"Things are going to get better. We don't need any more players, we just need to correct some of the things that we are doing. We're not the football team we would like to be right now," Moore said.



Josh Brown | Chief Photographer
Poor play by the Mountaineers' special teams gave the Colonels a 14-0 lead before quarterback Richie Williams and the Appalachian State offense ever stepped onto the field.

Athlete graduation rates consistent with student body

BY HUGH KELLENBERGER
Staff Writer

Appalachian State University graduated 60 percent of their student-athletes from the 1996-97 freshmen class, according to the 2003 NCAA Graduation Rates Report. The four-year average for student-athletes is 61 percent.

These numbers place ASU in a tie for eighth in the Southern Conference, with Virginia Military Institute, but third among other public universities.

The 324 Division I-A schools, on average, graduated 62 percent of student-athletes, according to the NCAA report. This is a 2 percent jump from the 1995-96 class.

"Some years back we set athletic goals for our department and the athletic teams. At that time our goal was to get to a 60 percent graduation rate for the department," Director of Athletics Rachel Laney said.

"If we reached that, it would be a milestone that

would tell us that we are doing things right. I am very pleased at this time."

The graduation rate for the general student body was identical to that of the student-athletes.

"We have consistently been in line with our general student body and we are very pleased with that," Jay Sutton, Coordinator of Academic Services for Athletes, said.

Davidson College placed second nationally among all 1-AA schools and first in the SoCon with a 97 percent graduation rate for student-athletes.

Georgia Southern University graduated just 39 percent of its student-athletes, last in the SoCon.

The graduation rates can be affected by a number of factors. Students that transfer to another university and graduate from their new school do not count on ASU's report. In addition, students who leave school for non-academic reasons, such as supporting their family, affect the report

negatively, Sutton said.

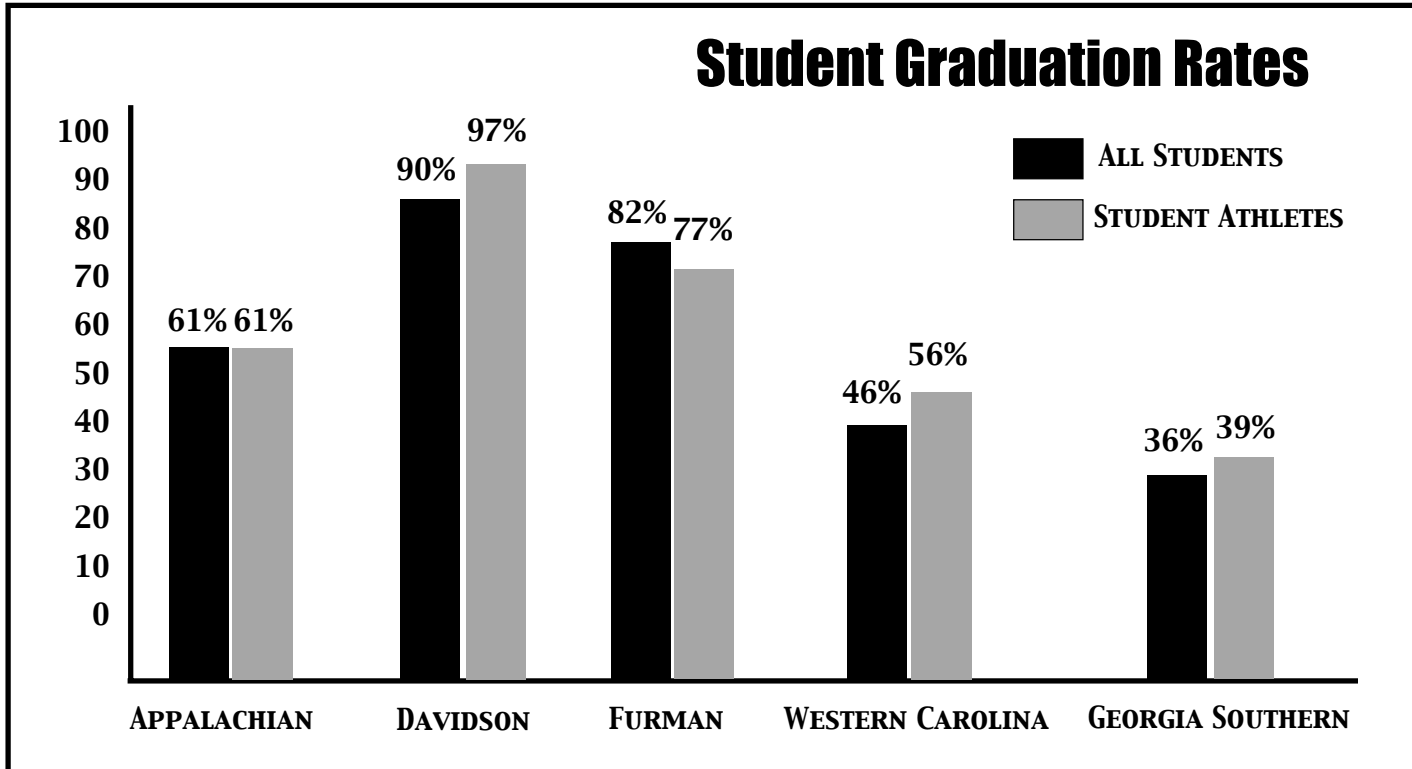
All freshman student-athletes are required to be enrolled in a study hall during their first semester, as well as meet with their academic advisor on a regular basis. Sutton said that Academic Services sees the freshman at least once a week in addition to study hall.

Sutton and Jean Roberts, assistant Academic Coordinator for Athletes, are assigned full-time to student-athletes. They report to the Academic Advising Center as well as the Athletics Department.

All student-athletes are admitted through the general application process before they are offered a scholarship, Laney said.

"The thing I like about this institution's application process is that after the application has been before a review board, there is no appeal," Laney said. "I will not and I am not expected to go to the Chancellor and ask for an exception."

"There have been some times in the past when we've



gone to a coach and said that he/she might be a great player, but they're not going to qualify to come here," Sutton said.

Eighty-one percent of female student-athletes graduated within 6 years, compared to 53 percent of males.

Fifty percent of football players graduated within 6 years, according to the NCAA report. That is sixth among the 10 schools that

offer football scholarships in the SoCon.

Laney stated that during his tenure, no athletic coach has been dismissed because of the academic performance of the team.

"We've never had a situation that would warrant such. In my tenure, all of our teams have performed at a level we expect," Laney said.

According to the NCAA report, 287 scholarship stu-

dent-athletes are currently enrolled at ASU.

Sixty-eight of those scholarships went to the football team.

During the spring semester of 2003, the football team posted a 2.45 GPA, the highest it has ever been, Laney said.

The men's basketball team also set its highest GPA ever in the spring, with a 2.57.

One hundred sixty-three student-athletes, or 35 per-

cent, were named to the 2002-2003 Southern Conference Honor Roll. 39 percent were on the same honor roll in 2001-2002. An athlete must complete a minimum of 24 hours and maintain a 3.0 GPA to be named to the honor roll.

"[Student-athletes] are not here to go on and play professional sports," Laney said. "They come here to get a degree and go on and be productive citizens."

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Despite young team, Mountaineers look forward to championship opportunity

BY MICHAEL TRIVETTE
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This season there will be a lot of new faces joining the women's soccer team.

"We have good depth, a very good freshmen recruiting group coming in," Ben Popoola, who returns to his seventh season as head coach, said. "One of our weaknesses in the past is having enough forwards who can score goals."

"I think this year we brought in a couple more players to give

us the punch that we need to score goals," Popoola said.

If they needed the punch, they certainly got it.

The Mountaineers welcome 16 freshmen to join the seven seniors.

"I brought in a big group [of freshmen] this year because I'm losing key seniors," Popoola said.

Two of the seniors who leave after this season are captains Renee Stetkevich and Dawn-Marie Alfred.

"Our goals are to win every conference game and make it to

conference [tournament]," Stetkevich said.

"We have a lot of depth and that's what's going to put us there," Stetkevich said.

"A lot of them can easily start on other teams so they are going to give us that punch we need coming off the bench," Popoola said.

In order for the lady Mountaineers to improve on last year's record of 7-11-1, they will rely heavily on their defense.

"We have a really stable defense," Alfred said.

Alfred was named first team all conference for the past two years in the Southern Conference, as well as a national team player for Trinidad-Tobago.

"We just connect more than in the past and we're looking forward to working together as a team," Alfred said. "We want to be the best that we can be."

Stetkevich believes that in order to have a successful season it will take "leadership, desire and consistent good play."

"We have to come out for every game and not take any team

lightly," Stetkevich said.

So far, the lady Mountaineers have seen results on both offense and defense.

In their preseason road trip against Jacksonville State University and the University of North Florida, the team combined for four goals while giving up three.

The first game was a loss at JSU (2-1) while the second game at UNF was a victory (3-1).

With a more capable scoring offense and a stable defense, the team looks forward to playing against teams such as SoCon pre-

season favorite Furman University.

If all goes to plan, the lady Mountaineers look forward to the opportunity to play for a conference championship.

"We are looking forward to having a winning season and at the same time being able to go to the conference tournament," Popoola said. "We have returning seniors that have been with us four years. I think they are looking forward to making their last year the more successful year of their college career."

Club hockey begins first ACHA season, looks to claim second championship

BY MICHAEL TRIVETTE
Staff Writer

How can a hockey team with no home ice rink win a championship?

The Appalachian State University men's club hockey team, who travel to Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Charlotte to practice, won the Blue Ridge Hockey Conference (BRHC) championship last season.

This season, the men's hockey club has only one goal in mind: to win another BRHC championship.

"We want to win the championship again and we want to go out and prove ourselves," William (BJ) Radhe, who returns as a four-year starter and third year captain this season, said.

Last season the men's hockey team went 9-12 and still managed to secure the conference championship.

The fall semester's record was 0-11, while in the spring semes-

ter the team managed to go 9-1.

Apparently they found the right time to peak in the season.

"We had some distractions last year in the first semester and our record showed that," Brent Dabb, who will be the head coach for this season, said. "We can't have that again."

"Last year we pulled it together during the second semester when we had a coach behind the bench, and we found a way to peak at the right time during the season," Dabb said.

This will be the first year in which the Mountaineers have a full time coach behind the bench for the entire season.

Dabb is no stranger, having played for the team and providing the goal tending for last year's championship team.

"I'm looking forward to being a coach this year and I feel I said that at our last practice,"

Dabb said. "They know my expectations and how I work, so I think it will be good from the get-go."

This year's team will be competing in 22 to 25 matches. Team members include 17 players and one goalie.

Tending the goal this season will be first-year goalie Brian Dolan.

"It's going to be a big responsi-

bility, but I'm excited about it," Dolan said. "We're going to be real solid [in the goal]."

The entire team will need to be solid this year to repeat on last season's success.

"We have a very good offense with team leaders such as Bobby Hathaway and Adam Bullin, who both know how to contribute to the team," Radhe said. "Our defense is solid too and I think we'll

be fine."

Last season Bullin scored five goals in one game and set a league record for nine goals in a three-game playoff. The result was a conference championship.

The team hopes that Bullin's hot hand will continue into this season. The club joined the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) for 2003-04. The ACHA lists national

rankings each year and divides member schools into divisions.

ASU is listed in the Southeastern division and has not received rankings yet, being in their first season with the ACHA.

The first match is scheduled for Sept. 19 at South Carolina University. The conference opener is set for Sept. 27 against Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.

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	Women's Soccer @ Radford 7 p.m.	No games scheduled	No games scheduled	Men's Soccer @ Virginia Tech 7:30 p.m.	Volleyball vs. So. Illinois (Indianapolis, Ill.) 4 p.m.	Men's Soccer @ Radford 12 p.m.	
				Volleyball vs. San Francisco 5:30 p.m.	Volleyball vs. Butler (Indianapolis, Ill.) 8:30 p.m.		

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