

# Saturday's Gridiron Gradesheet



(6-4, 4-2)

## Appalachian State at Western Carolina

E.J. Whitmire Stadium, 4 p.m.



(3-6, 1-4)

### HEAD TO HEAD

#### Western's Rush vs. ASU Front Seven

Which ASU defense shows up? If its the one that gave up 700 yards two weeks ago, this game won't be close. ASU has trouble with big running backs, but neither Western back weighs more than 200 pounds. **Edge: ASU**



#### Western's Pass vs. ASU Secondary

Catamount starting QB Justin Clark was injured two weeks ago, but WCU rotates three quarterbacks throughout games. The young Appalachian CB's have yet to play well on the road in four games. **Edge: WCU**



#### ASU's Rush vs. Western's Front Seven

ASU's leading rusher last week, Kevin Richardson, had just one carry. That says a lot about the ineptitude of ASU's running game. Western LB's Lamar Bares and Shelton Gaffney are tough to run on. **Edge: WCU**



#### ASU's Pass vs. Western's Secondary

Western Carolina gives up 150 passing yards a game, good for second place in the Southern Conference. But ASU's offense is hot. Richie Williams has thrown for 400 yards in four of the last five games. **Edge: ASU**



#### Special Teams

ASU's DaVon Fowlkes is dangerous, but Western will kick away from him. Appalachian only gets 26 net-yards a punt while Western has 34 net-yards a punt. WCU's kick-off return game is strong. **Edge: WCU**



#### Intangibles

ASU has yet to win on the road, but they own Western. Coach Jerry Moore has a 14-1 record against Western and ASU has won 17 out of the last 18. That advantage trumps ASU's road woes this season. **Edge: ASU**



The Bottom Line: Appalachian 31, Western 20