

Appalachian State dominates Clinton College 101- 44 for first triple-digit win since 2022

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On Wednesday, the Appalachian State Mountaineers scored in triple digits for the first time since December 2022 with a 101-44 win against the Clinton College Golden Bears.

The Mountaineers maintained a strong advantage throughout the game and led with as many as 59 points during the fourth quarter creating an energetic environment for the crowd and team alike. The Mountaineers finished out the match shooting 62 percent from the field and 44 percent from the three.

“Games like this are so fun,” says Matthew Decker who attended Wednesday night's game. “When they score that much, the energy grows, and it's really fun to watch.”

Along with an impressive lead, five mountaineer players scored in the double-digits with senior Emily Carver leading the group with 16 points.

The first quarter started slow for the Mountaineers after starting junior forward Elena Pericic won the tipoff. The Golden Bears held the Mountaineers to only 6 points in the first five minutes but following a media timeout halfway through the first quarter, the Mountaineers took off. By the end of the first period, the Mountaineers were up 24-5.

The Mountaineers started the second quarter as a defensive wall, holding the Golden Bears to scoring only 2 points at the halfway point. By the end of the first half of the game, the Mountaineers were up 56-14, thanks to two consecutive threes made by senior Mara Neira, layups by seniors Asjah Innis and Carver, a steal and score by junior J'Mani Ingram and a last-minute three from Carver.

Going into the second half, the Mountaineers continued the momentum with 28 points scored in the third quarter. The period was highlighted with another two consecutive threes by Neira as well as junior Rylan Moffitt's first career three-pointer. The Mountaineers ended the quarter with an 84-27 lead.

The final quarter saw the Golden Bears' best run of the night creating some momentum for the team, but ultimately the Mountaineers remained on top finishing off the game with a final score of 101-44.

“We have things to work on every time we go back into practice,” said Moffitt in a press conference following the game. “But a good confidence booster is fun, it was fun to score a hundred points and we played as a team so that was good for us.”

Head coach Alaura Sharp expressed how well the team played together but ultimately said there is more to see from App State women's basketball this season.

"We have a lot of confidence right now and we're going to go into practice and this is we're not going to settle," said Sharp. "We're just going to keep getting better every day."

AppalCart's double-decker bus is returning to the Appalachian State campus for good

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Following a successful trial of the double-decker bus in 2021, bus manufacturer Alexander-Dennis Limited (ADL) announced that its Enviro500 double-decker bus will be delivered to the Appalachian State University campus in early 2025 and run full-time on the AppalCart's Pop-105 route.

For some students, overcrowded buses are a daily problem. Emily Salter, a junior at Appalachian State, is a daily rider of the AppalCart buses and has experienced firsthand the effect congested buses have on a daily commute.

"I ride the bus every day to get to class and most mornings I don't have a seat when I get on," said Salter. "Sometimes I get turned away when I'm trying to get on because the bus is already at full capacity, it has made me late to class on multiple occasions."

According to AppalCart Director Craig Hughes, the double-decker bus first appeared on the Appalachian State campus in the fall of 2021 during a trial run to see how it fared on the campus's mountain roads.

ADL lists the selected bus as having a 100-passenger capacity compared to the average 50-passenger capacity of a standard AppalCart bus. With many students traveling to and from campus during peak hours, having a higher-capacity bus could mean fewer delays and less crowded rides.

"The bus will provide AppalCart with helpful operational efficiency, as we will almost double capacity without additional staffing. We will be able to be more responsive to our passengers' needs by adding seats to a very high-volume route, helping to eliminate the frequency of overcrowding," Hughes said in a press conference with ADL.

Senior Matthew Cvach, a daily commuter on the Pop-105 route where the new bus is planned to service, is hopeful that the new AppalCart addition will shorten his daily commute.

“I wake up 30 minutes earlier than I should for school to account for waiting at the bus stop and potentially missing a bus,” said Cvach. “Having a bus that is twice the size of the ones that come now means that I will have a higher chance of getting on the bus on the first try”

Appalachian State students have differing opinions on the importance of spending university funds on new community transportation. Appalachian State University failed to respond regarding the cost of purchasing the double-decker bus.

“I feel like a bigger bus is worth the investment for the university,” said Cvach. “The student population keeps growing so it's necessary to adjust the infrastructure to fit that.”

Salter was apprehensive about the university’s purchase following so closely after Hurricane Helene hit the area in September 2024.

“I feel as though App State might have more pressing issues to deal with than getting a double-decker bus,” said Salter.

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