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Peoples Runs for Records During Inaugural Myrtle Beach Bowl

Peoples sets/ties NCAA Bowl Records

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USPA NEWS - Myrtle Beach. Home of salt water taffy, air brushed t-shirts, mini-golf, alligator wrangling and now college bowl games. In the inaugural Myrtle Beach Bowl, Appalachian State ran all over the North Texas Mean Green. Literally. Leading the way was sophomore runningback, Camerun Peoples of the Mountaineers. Peoples rushed for a NCAA bowl record 319 yards and tied another bowl record of 5 rushing TDs. A record previously held by Barry Sanders (Oklahoma State) and Kareem Hunt (Toledo). "Barry Sanders. Wow," Peoples exclaimed. "That's some good company." Peoples has the build, structure and running style of another NFL great " Derrick Henry. At 6'2, 210 pounds, the power back had 23 carries on his record setting night.

The Mountaineers offensive line forced their will throughout the game. Appalachian State rushed for 502 yards throughout the bowl game.

This was the first ever bowl game hosted in the state of South Carolina. Even though the majority of the team and fan events were not able to be held this year, Appalachian State was able to get out to Broadway on the Boardwalk. "That was the most fun they've had in the past 6 months. We are very thankful for Myrtle Beach," said Appalachian State head coach Shawn Clark.

"Being the first ever champion here makes it special," added runningback Marcus Williams, Jr., who added 101 yards and a touchdown on just six carries.

The game plan was always to establish the run. "This is one of the most memorable games I have ever played," said Peoples. Peoples was informed in the 4th quarter of the possible records he could set. "So I looked at Coach Clark and Coach was like "you're not coming out'."

On the offensive side of the ball, North Texas was missing weapons due to NFL draft focus, injuries and other reasons. That did not allow Redshirt Junior runningback Tre Siggers to make excuses, "We're in college so everyone is on scholarship," pointed out the back who had 120 rushing on the night.

Appalachian State finishes the season with a 9-3 record while North Texas' season comes to a close with a 4-6 record.

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