

## MIAMI WINS SERIES FINALE, 10-0

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Appalachian State University baseball came up just short in its bid for a series victory at No. 20 Miami (Fla.), falling to the Hurricanes, 10-0, in the rubber match of the three-game weekend set on Saturday afternoon at Alex Rodriguez Park.

Appalachian (5-2), which recorded its first win over a nationally ranked opponent in 29 years with a 7-5 victory over Miami on Friday night, managed just four hits against three Hurricane pitchers on Saturday.

UM starter Eric Whaley (2-0) kept the Mountaineers off balance all afternoon, allowing just three hits and striking out nine over seven scoreless innings. Relievers Javi Salas and Daniel Miranda combined to allow just one hit over the final two innings to finish off the shutout.

ASU starter Seth Grant matched Whaley pitch-for-pitch until the bottom of the fourth inning. Miami got its first two hits of the game with back-to-back singles to lead off the frame but Grant battled back with a strikeout and a groundout to move within an out of escaping the frame unscathed. However, Hurricane designated hitter Shane Rowland broke the scoreless tie when he hit the first pitch he saw from Grant over the left-field fence for an opposite-field, two-out, three-run home run.

Miami (4-3) extended the lead to 7-0 with four runs in the sixth inning and capped the scoring with three runs in the eighth.

Appalachian returns to action on Wednesday when it visits local rival North Carolina A&T. First pitch is set for 3 p.m. at War Memorial Stadium in Greensboro.

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### **MIAMI 10, ASU 0**

MIAMI: WINNING PITCHER: ERIC WHALEY (2-0) 7 INNINGS, 3 HITS, 1 WALK, 9 STRIKEOUTS.

TOP HITTERS: SHANE ROWLAND - THREE-RUN HOMER; JOEY PORRO - TWO HITS, RUN SCORED, THREE RBI.

ASU: LOSING PITCHER: SETH GRANT (1-1) 5.2 INNINGS, 7 RUNS, 7 EARNED RUNS, 7 HITS, 2 WALKS, 6 STRIKEOUTS.

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