

Mocs Overpower ASU

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Chattanooga used six home runs to power past Appalachian State University softball, 16-4, in a two day rain delay plagued contest at Sywassink/Lloyd Family Stadium. The final two games of the Southern Conference

series were cancelled due to inclement weather. The Mountaineers fell to 12-13 overall and 3-4 in the league play as the Lady Mocs improved to 17-11 and stayed perfect (4-0) in conference play.

Michelle Fuzzard and Nicole Osterman each blasted a pair of home runs. Fuzzard recorded nine of the Mocs' 16 RBIs.

Appalachian's took the loss as she gave up five runs on four hits in one inning of work. relieved Wainright in the second and gave four hits and three runs. Senior wrapped up the contest for the Apps as she threw three innings and allowed eight runs (five earned) and eight hits. Caitlin Wainright Caroline Williams Caroline Wainright

Chattanooga's Taylor Deason hurled the five-inning complete game and allowed six hits and four runs (three earned).

The Lady Mocs' offense wasted no time getting on the board by scoring three runs in the first. Sara Poteat led off the game with a single to short followed by a walk from Cheyenne Willis. Fuzzard cleared the bases with a three-run bomb over the right center wall onto the Sofield Family Indoor Practice Facility roof.

Chattanooga opened the top of the second with back-to-back jacks by Jessica Traxler and Sarah Beth Roberts. Fuzzard tallied her second homer of the game to give the Mocs a 7-0 advantage.

The Mountaineers responded in the bottom half of the inning with a pair of their own. recorded a one-out single and would score two batters later on s' RBI-single up the middle. Senior crossed home plate to give the Apps second run on a fielders choice by fellow senior .Brittany Pierce Michelle Lighton Lindsay Whitlock Caroline Rogers

Osterman led off the third with a solo homer to right field to give UTC an 8-2 lead. Fuzzard cleared the bases with a screaming double off the center field fence to extend the lead to 11-2. Fuzzard scored the final run on Saturday on a Kasey Tydingco single to left.

The Lady Mocs would load up the bases before the umpires called the game for the day with two-outs and a full count on Fuzzard in the fourth. When play resumed on Sunday at 12:51 p.m. threw five straight balls to walk Fuzzard and Tydingco to give UTC a 14-2 lead. Caitlin Wainright

Osterman recorded her second lead-off solo home run in the fifth to extend the Mocs lead to 16-2.

Freshman kept the Apps alive with a lead-off double to left center and scored two batters later on a Sarah Warnock RBI-double. The Mountaineers scored their final run of the game (16-4) on a throwing error by Traxler which allowed Smith to reach base safely and Warnock to score. Dani Heichen

Appalachian will continue SoCon play next weekend with a three-game series at the College of Charleston.

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