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Appalachian State University baseball hit three home runs in a four-run second inning and never looked back en route to a 13-6 win over Canisius in the Mountaineers' 2013 home opener on Monday

afternoon at Beaver Field at Jim and Bettie Smith Stadium.
Preston Troutman (Rockwell, N.C./East Rowan), Josh Zumbrook (Wilkesboro, N.C./West Wilkes) and Dillon Dobson (Jonesville, N.C./Starmount) all went deep in Appalachian State's four-run second inning, which turned a 2-1 deficit into a commanding 5-2 lead. The Mountaineers went on to score twice in the third and fourth innings and four times in the seventh to stretch the advantage to as large as 13-4 before Canisius plated single runs in the eighth and ninth innings to account for the final margin.
Nine different players recorded base hits in the victory for Appalachian State (2-0), led by Troutman, who added a pair of singles to his second-inning homer and finished 3-for-5 with two RBI and two runs scored. After not hitting any home runs as a freshman last season, Troutman has gone deep in each of the first two games of his sophomore campaign.
Making only the second start of his career, Zumbrook had a breakout performance with a two-run triple in the seventh to go along with his solo blast in the second. He finished 2-for-4 with a walk, three RBI and two runs scored.
With his two-run bomb in the second, Dobson became the second Appalachian State freshman this season to homer for his first-career hit. He got the second hit of his career with a double in the fourth and finished 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored.
Alex Leach (Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell) and Brandon Burris (Concord, N.C./Mount Pleasant) went 2-for-4 and 2-for-5, respectively, to round out five Mountaineers with multiple hits. Appalachian banged out 15 hits as a team, six of which went for extra bases.
On the mound, Sam Agnew-Wieland (Marietta, Ga./Wheeler) got the win in his Appalachian State debut, allowing just two runs on six hits in 4.2 innings of relief. Appalachian made three errors behind starter Jeffrey Springs (Belmont, N.C./South Point), who was forced to throw 75 pitches in just three innings despite allowing only three hits. Springs struck out four but was saddled with three unearned runs.
Jose Torralba and Christian Segar had two hits apiece for Canisius (2-2) but the top four hitters in the Golden Griffins' batting order combined to go 4-for-22 with eight strikeouts.
Appalachian State returns to action this weekend when it hosts a three-game series versus Butler (1-2). The set opens on Saturday with a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.
NOTES: Appalachian State won its third-straight home opener ... the Mountaineers are 25-2 at Smith Stadium since the beginning of last season and 85-26-1 in their home ballpark since 2009 ... Appalachian moved to 6-3 all-time versus Canisius, a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference powerhouse that has averaged 35 wins a season since 2008 ... Appalachian has homered six times in its first two games of the season ... last season, they did not hit their sixth home run until the 11th game of the campaign ... the Mountaineers have scored eight of their 19 runs this season with two outs.

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