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Appalachian State University softball dropped two games to No. 25 Florida State on Saturday afternoon. The Mountaineers fell 8-7 in game one before falling, 3-0, in the second game, which also served as the first game of bracket play at the tournament.

Game One: Florida State 8, App State 7

No. 25 Florida State took the early lead over Appalachian as it got of to a fast start with a leadoff double to right center from Victoria East. East gave the Seminoles the 1-0 lead when she touched home on a throwing error by App State to score the unearned run.

FSU added two more runs in the bottom of the first inning to take a quick 3-0 lead over the Mountaineers. Florida State extended its lead to four when it put runners on second and third with no outs. Kirstin Austin came around to score on a groundout to shortstop to take the 4-0 advantage over App State in the bottom of the second inning.

Courtney Senas gave the Noles the 6-0 lead over the Apps when she hit a double that bounced off the left center field fence, knocking in two runs.

The Mountaineers put two runners on base in the top of the third inning when freshman Pepper Butler was hit by a pitch and Sarah Warnock singled through the right side of the infield to put runners on first and second with no outs.

The Apps pushed their first run across the plate when Dani Heichen reached first on a throwing error that allowed Butler to score from third.

Junior Lindsay Loudermilk stepped in to the box with runners on second and third and hit a two-run double over the center fielder's head to bring Appalachian within three of the Seminoles.

Florida State capitalized on an App State error and a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the third inning as it took the 8-3 lead into the fifth inning.

Sophomore Caroline Rogers led off the fourth inning with a single up the middle and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by freshman Kristen Terry. Pinch hitter Ellie Manriquez drove her first career hit past the shortstop to move Rogers to third base with one out, but Appalachian was unable to capitalize on the opportunity as the final two batters of the inning were retired.

Rogers looked to start another rally for the Apps as she led off the sixth inning with a walk and advanced to second on a groundout. Rogers advanced to third when pinch hitter Whitney Johnson picked up her first hit of the season.

Warnock doubled down the right field line to score Rogers and move Johnson to third with only one out in the top of the sixth. Florida State was able to turn a double play to close out the inning as the Apps trailed, 8-4.

After a hit batter and two walks, Appalachian loaded the bases with no out in the top of the seventh before Florida State pulled pitcher Bailey Schinella. The Mountaineers scored one run when Alex Sohl reached first on a fielder's choice, allowing Meghan Smith to score.

Terry had a short hit back to the pitcher, to score Loudermilk and make the score 8-6 with two outs. Cynthia Gomez dug in with two outs and runners on first and third before hitting a single to shortstop that would allow the Apps to come within one of the Seminoles.

Florida State was able to get the final out the inning before the Mountaineers could push

anymore runs across to pick up the 8-7 victory over Appalachian.
Loudermilk led the way for App State at the plate as she recorded two hits in three at-bats with two runs batted in, while Warnock had two hits and one RBI in and Sohl, Terry and Gomez each knocked in a run.
Katherine Johnson suffered the loss in the circle for her first decision of the season as she pitched 1.1 innings, while Shivaun Landeros came in on relief to pitch 4.2 innings, giving up only three hits.
With the loss the Mountaineers fall to 3-5 overall on the season, while the Seminoles improve to 10-8 overall on the season.

Game Two: Florida State 3, App State 0

The game was deadlocked at 0-0 until Florida State broke open the scoreboard in the top of the fifth inning as it scored its first run on a single up the middle from Courtney Senas.
Senas advanced to third on an Appalachian error and would scored when Kelly Hensley hit her fifth homerun of the season over the center field fence, giving FSU the 3-0 lead.
The Black and Gold looked to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fifth inning as Ashley Seering doubled off the right field fence, but the Apps were unable to get her across the plate as they trailed, 3-0 through five innings.
The Mountaineers could not get a run on the board in the second game against the Seminoles as they fell 3-0 in their first game of bracket play.
Loudermilk, Warnock, Rogers and Seering each added a hit for Appalachian, while pitcher Alissa Schoelkopf (1-3) suffered the loss in the circle pitching her third complete game with three strikeouts.
With the loss Appalachian State falls to 3-6 overall on the season, while Florida State improves to 12-8 overall on the season.
The Apps will be back in action on Sunday, Mar. 3 when they play the loser of the Southern Miss/Troy game. The consolation game is slated to start at 9 a.m.

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