

Appalachian State University softball took two games from Charleston Southern in its mid-week matchup as the Mountaineers defeated the Buccaneers 3-1 in game one and 11-6 in game two on

Wednesday Afternoon. With the wins Appalachian improves to 7-8 overall on the season, while Charleston Southern falls to 5-18 overall on the season.

Game One: App State 3, Charleston Southern 1

After stranding four runners in the first two innings, the Mountaineers would push runs across the plate in the top of the third inning. The Apps loaded the bases when they drew two walks and senior Allie Cashion singled through the infield. Sophomore Ashley Seering earned her eighth and ninth RBI of the season when she singled past second base to bring in Lindsay Loudermilk and Cashion.

The Buccaneers put their lone run on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning when Marci Christian hit her fifth home run of the season over the left center field fence, bringing Charleston Southern within one of the Black and Gold.

Appalachian extended its lead to 3-1 in the top of the sixth inning when Pepper Butler drew a walk with one out and advanced to second on a passed ball. Loudermilk plated Butler when she hit her fourth double of the season to center field.

Loudermilk led the way for the Apps offensively as she went 2-for-2 with two walks, while Seering went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Freshman Shivaun Landeros had her first career hit for the Mountaineers as she drove a single up the middle, while Cashion added the Apps final hit of the contest.

Sophomore pitcher Alissa Schoelkopf (3-4) pitched a full seven innings with six strikeouts while allowing just two hits. The App State offense out-hit the Buccaneers 6-2 in game one, but left 13 runners stranded through seven innings.

Game Two: App State 11, Charleston Southern 6

App State took the early lead over the Buccaneers when leadoff hitter Sarah Warnock walked and Dani Heichen reached first on a CSU error. A Cashion singled to center field would bring around Warnock to give the Apps the 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

The Mountaineers took the 3-0 lead when Meghan Smith singled through the left side of the field, plating both Heichen and Cashion. The Apps extended their lead to 4-0 when freshman Alex Sohl put the ball in play and allowed Smith to come home from third. Stephanie Sbardella brought Charleston Southern within three when she hit a solo home run over the center field fence in the bottom of the first inning.

The Apps added two runs in the top of the fourth inning when Cashion dug in with one out and knocked a single up the middle that would score both Warnock and Heichen, allowing App to take the 6-1 lead over the Lady Buccaneers.

The Mountaineers extended their lead to 7-1 when Sohl singled up the middle and allowed pinch runner Kristen Terry to score from second base.

Appalachian would take the 9-1 lead over Charleston Southern when it capitalized on an infield error by CSU to score two runs in the top of the fourth inning. CSU puts its second run on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning when Marci Christian hit a deep single to center field,

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bringing the Bucs within seven.

Charleston Southern added two more runs when a hit off the wall from Jana Matthews drove in two for the Buccaneers. The Bucs continued their comeback as Linzy Rothers homered over the center field fence for the third straight hit of the inning to make the score 9-6 with two outs. Schoelkopf would come in to relieve Landeros and record the final out of the inning as Courtney Konyk lined out to Caroline Rogers.

Cashion drove a double off the left field fence to bring her within five of tying the App State record before Smith singled to shallow right field with only one out in the top of the sixth inning. After a pitching change, the Bucs were able to retire the last two outs of the inning before the Apps could score.

The Black and Gold tacked on a 10th run in the top of the seventh inning when Butler reached base on a walk and came around on a steal, groundout and an infield error. The Apps added a second run when Heichen, who reached on the previous error, scored on the second CSU error of the inning, making the final score 11-6.

Cashion led Appalachian in game two as she went 3-for-5 at the plate with three RBI and score twice, while Smith and Sohl each added two hits and two RBI apiece. Caroline Chambers posted her first hit of the season. App State saw hits from six different players with three posting multiple-hit games as the squad outhit the Bucs 11-8

Schoelkopf recorded her second win of the afternoon as she came in and pitched 3.1 innings with one strikeout and allowed no runs. Appalachian State will be back in action on Saturday, March 16 it plays its home opener against Samford. First pitch of the three-game SoCon series is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

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