

Mocs Take Two From ASU

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Appalachian State University softball fell twice to Chattanooga on Saturday in a doubleheader at Jim Frost Stadium. The Mountaineers fell 8-3 in game one before a 5-3 loss in game two.

With the losses, Appalachian falls to 11-11 on the season and 5-3 in the Southern Conference, while the Mocs improve to 18-14 overall and 3-2 in the SoCon.

Game One: Chattanooga 8, App State 3

After two walks and a single past the shortstop the Mocs would load the bases in the bottom of the first inning with no outs to bring Kasey Tydingco to the plate. Tydingco was hit on the first pitch of the at-bat to give Chatt an early 1-0 lead over the Mountaineers.

Starting pitcher Alissa Schoelkopf issued her third walk of the inning to Sarah Beth Roberts, giving the Mocs a 2-0 advantage with no outs before freshman Shivaun Landeros would enter the game in relief with bases loaded.

App State got its first out of the inning when Stephanie Rieck hit a sacrifice fly to center field bringing in Anyssa Robles. The Mocs tacked on their fourth run with a second-straight sacrifice fly to center field.

Appalachian was able to get out of the inning with no more damage done as Landeros struck out the final batter of the inning.

Sam Taylor reached base on a hit in bottom of the second before advancing to third on a wild pitch and a passed ball. The Chattanooga center fielder touched home when Roberts reached first on a Mountaineer error as the Mocs took the 5-0 advantage.

Chattanooga extended its lead to 7-0 when Ninija Suetsugu hit a line drive single through the right side of the field to bring in two unearned runs.

Appalachian broke up the no-hitter in the top of the third inning when Caroline Rogers led off the inning with a single to right field. Sophomore Cynthia Gomez hit a shallow slap single to center field that plated Rogers and scored the Apps' first run of the contest.

The Black and Gold came within four of Chatt when senior Allie Cashion hit a double to the left center wall that brought in both Dani Heichen and Gomez.

A leadoff single and an App State error would put runners on the corners with no outs in the bottom of the fourth inning for Chattanooga before a groundout to shortstop would score the runner from third, allowing the Mocs to take the 8-3 lead.

Cashion hit her second double of the contest off the left center field wall in the top of the fifth inning but was be unable to come around to score for the Black and Gold.

Ashley Seering picked up her second hit of the afternoon when she laced a leadoff single through the left side of the field in the top of the sixth, but would be unable to score as the Mocs took the 8-3 victory.

Cashion and Seering led the App State offense as Cashion went 3-for-4 with two RBI and Seering added two hits in two at-bats. The Mountaineers out-hit the Mocs 7-5, but recorded two errors while Chatt had none.

Schoelkopf (7-5) suffered the loss in the circle as she was unable to record an out in the first inning. The loss marks the Sewell, N.J. native's first since March 3 against Southern Miss. Landeros pitched six complete innings and recorded a career-high seven strikeouts while allowing just five hits.

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Game Two: Chattanooga 5, App State 3

The Mountaineers came out strong offensively in game two as they tallied four hits through the first two innings.

Meghan Smith led off the top of the second inning with a hard-hit single to second base before Seering hit her third home run of the season, allowing App to take the 2-0 lead and its first lead of the day.

The Mocs answered back in the bottom of the second as Roberts had a leadoff single and came around to score on a single and a sacrifice fly to left field.

Chattanooga knotted the score at 2-2 when it capitalized on a botched pickoff attempt of the runner on third. Chatt would take a 3-2 lead when the Black and Gold made their second error of the inning with only one out.

Lindsay Loudermilk picked up her first hit of the afternoon as she drove a leadoff home run over the left field fence, tying the score at 3-3. The home run was Loudermilk's second of the season as five Mountaineers have tallied multiple home runs on the season.

Cashion lined her third double of the day and her ninth of the season down the left field line with only one out in the top of the third inning, but was later picked off and unable to score. The double brings Cashion within one of the career record set by Lindsay Glover (43).

After a leadoff walk issued by Schoelkopf the Mocs would put their fourth run on the board when the Mountaineers made their third error of the contest.

Back-to-back singles and a walk would load the bases in the fifth with only one out by a line out that would turn into a double play ended the inning before the Apps were able to push a run across the plate.

Chattanooga extended its lead to 5-3 when Jenny Garcia hit a home run over the left field fence in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Sophomore Sarah Warnock led App State offensively in game two as she went 3-for-4 at the plate, while the Apps tallied 10 hits on the afternoon compared to Chatt's six.

Schoelkopf (7-6) suffered the loss in the circle in game two as she pitched three innings, allowing two hits and recording five strikeouts, while Landeros pitched the first three innings of the contest.

Cashion and Seering led Appalachian on the afternoon at the plate. Cashion went 4-for-6 at the plate with two RBI and three doubles, while Seering went 4-for-6 with a home run and two RBI. Game three of the series is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 24.

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