

## ASU Notches Non-Conference Win Over UNCA

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After going down early, Appalachian State University baseball rallied from a 3-0 deficit to score five unanswered runs and propel the Mountaineers to a 6-3

victory over UNC Asheville on Tuesday night at historic McCormick Field.

Six of the nine Mountaineers in the lineup tallied a multi-hit game, highlighted by Dillon Dobson's 3-for-5 day and Noah Holmes' 2-for-4 day, which included two RBI.

Right-hander Taylor Thurber picked up his second victory of the season, entering the game in the fifth inning after starter Chad Farmer went 4.1 innings and struckout five Asheville (10-24) batters. Thurber gave up just two hits in 1.2 innings of work, while striking out one. Right-hander Josh Wilson closed out the game, coming on with two outs in the ninth inning.

Appalachian (18-10) went down early, as Asheville's Phillip Treadway blasted a three-run homerun in the bottom of the second, giving the Bulldogs the early advantage.

After leaving eight runners on-base in the first three innings, the Mountaineers capitalized in the fourth inning, as the Apps recorded four singles in the inning, which would plate three to tie the score. Holmes' single, which came with two outs, scored Jaylin Davis and Dosbon, who both tallied singles for the inning.

Preston Troutman, one of the six Mountaineers to have multiple hits for the game, lead off the fifth-inning with a double to the centerfield wall. The outfielder was eventually driven in by a groundout by catcher Gabe Dimock to give Appalachian its first lead of the game.

Asheville managed just eight hits in the final seven innings since the homerun by Treadway, as App State plated two more insurance runs in the seventh and ninth innings, highlighted by Troutman's RBI single in the final inning, scoring Will Callaway.

Asheville was paced by Todd Joyner and Kyle Towles who each posted two hits for the game. Reliever Brian Connolly was hit with the loss, but starter Tommy Houmard surrendered three runs and nine hits to Appalachian batters.

The Mountaineers return to Southern Conference play with a three-game series with UNCG beginning on Friday. First pitch from Greensboro is set for 6 p.m.

NOTES: Appalachian has won eight of its last 11 games ... The Mountaineers improve to 5-1 in non-conference road games and move to 37-19 all-time over UNCA in a series that dates back to 1985 ... With the 6-3 win, the Mountaineers have won 11-straight over the Bulldogs ...

Entering the game 42nd in the nation in stolen bases, William Head tallied his 15th stolen base of the season, one behind team-leader Hector Crespo .... Dimock has now hit safely in his first six games of his career, finishing 2-for-5 with one RBI.

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