

## ASU Falls to Campbell, 11-6

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In what looked to be a hitting clinic in the first three innings, Appalachian State University baseball was unable to keep up with Campbell, as the Mountaineers fell 11-6 Wednesday night at Finch Field in the lone neutral site game of the season.

Three Mountaineers tallied multi-hit games, as Will Callaway, Noah Holmes and Jaylin Davis each recorded two hits and combined for four of Appalachian's six runs in the game. Callaway highlighted the trio with a first inning, two-run homerun to take an early 2-0 lead.

Despite the two run advantage, Campbell flashed its bats early with four runs in the bottom half. After two quick outs, CU's Elijah Trail doubled, followed by a three-run homerun by Michael Delucia, the first of his career, to cap off the four run inning.

With matching Preston Troutman and Gabe Dimock sacrifice flies in the second and third innings, respectively, the Apps tied the score heading into the bottom of the third. Campbell got its second big inning of the game in the third when the Camels pounded out three quick hits to score three runs and take a 7-4 advantage.

With a scorless fourth inning, Callaway led off the fifth inning with a single up the middle, followed by a Holmes double to leftcenter field. A groundout by Dillon Dobson and an error by the Camel defense plated Callaway and Holmes to bring Appalachian within one run.

Despite Appalachian closing the gap, Campbell never relinquished its lead, scoring two more in the bottom of the fifth, headlined by Delucia's second homerun of the game. His two-run blast over the leftcenter wall put the game out of reach as the Camels tacked on a run in the seventh and eighth innings.

App State starter Tyler Jackson received the loss and moves to 1-1 on the year. Rob Howard relieved Jackson in the fourth, followed by a strong performance by Rob Marcello in the sixth and seventh innings, as he struck out five Camel batters in two innings of work. Tyler Moore finished the game, tossing an inning.

The Mountaineers return to action and Southern Conference play on Friday at The Citadel for a three-game series. First pitch on Friday is set for 6 p.m.

**NOTES:** Jackson made his first start in nearly three seasons ... Appalachian has now won four of its last six on its current nine-game road stretch ... App State moves to 6-2 in non-conference road games for the season ... Campbell improves to 7-4-1 against Appalachian in a series dating back to 1980 ... Callaway's first inning homerun is just the seventh homerun in the last 16 games for the Mountaineers after leading the nation in homers per game until March 24 ... Hector Crespo had his 10-game hitting streak snapped, finishing 0-for-2 with a run scored ... Callaway now holds the longest hitting streak on the team with a 10-game streak of his own ... Callaway is now 22-for-45 with five doubles, three home runs, 16 RBI and 16 runs scored during the hit streak ... Davis extended his hitting streak to seven games.

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