

## ASU Suffers 6-3 Loss at The Citadel

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In his first career start, sophomore outfielder John Kincaid banged out two hits, including an RBI single in the fifth inning, but the multi-hit game was not enough, as Appalachian State University fell 6-3 to

The Citadel Friday evening at Joseph R. Riley Jr. Field.

After falling behind with Bulldog runs in the first and in the fourth, the Mountaineers climbed back into the game in the fifth with back-to-back RBI singles by Kincaid and second baseman Hector Crespo to even the score at 2-2. The duo went on to record the only two multi-hit games in the Appalachian lineup, as Crespo led the team with three hits.

Despite the fifth inning jolt, The Citadel figured out App State starter Jamie Nunn in bottom of the seventh, as Bulldog first baseman Calvin Orth took the opening pitch of the inning over the left field wall for his sixth homerun of the year. Orth's homerun started Bulldog run spree, highlighted by back-to-back doubles by Mason Davis and Hughston Armstrong, which plated two more Citadel runs.

Later in the inning, this time off reliever Taylor Thurber, designated hitter Bo Thompson singled to right center field to score Armstrong.

Despite threatening in the ninth and scoring a run off a bases loaded walk, Appalachian could not maintain its last inning rally; Skylar Hunter came in with two outs in the inning the shut the door on the Mountaineers.

For the game, Nunn tossed 6.2 innings and was tagged for six runs on seven hits. The right-hander recorded just one strikeout and walked three Bulldog batters. In relief, Thurber went 1.1 innings and struck out two.

The Mountaineers return to Riley Park for the second game of the three-game set on Saturday. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

**NOTES:** Appalachian drops its eighth-straight game at The Citadel, dating back to 2008 ... The Bulldogs snap a three-game Mountaineer winning streak in the series, as the Apps swept The Citadel last season in Boone ... Will Callaway (1-for-4) extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a single in the first inning ... Crespo now has multiple hits in 14 of the last 25 games ... The outing by Nunn is the first time this season the right-hander has not struck out six or more in a start.

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