

The Appalachian State baseball team marched its way into seventh place this past weekend by sweeping Southern Conference newcomer Samford at Smith Stadium/Beaver Field.

The Mountaineers (17-16 overall; 8-11 SoCon) swept a double-header on Saturday by scores of 6-4 in the opener, and 4-3 in the nightcap. Wes Hobson went 4-4 with 4 runs-batted-in in game one; Rand Smith extended his hitting streak to 21 games and drove in the game winner in the bottom of the ninth in game two. Smith had 3 RBI in the second game (and he extended his hitting streak to 22 games with a pair of hits on Sunday). The Apps finished off the sweep by beating Samford 6-3 on Sunday. Isaac Harrow drove in four runs. The Apps entertain East Tennessee State on Tuesday (air-time, 6:40 pm on WATA) and Gardner Webb on Wednesday (air-time, 5:40 pm on WATA).

The Watauga High baseball team had its game with West Forsyth rained out on Saturday in Clemmons. The game will most likely not be rescheduled. The Pioneers will play two games today in Cary at the Impact Baseball Spring Classic. The games will be played at the U.S. Olympic facility. The Pioneers (10-3) play Ragsdale, which is ranked third in the state in Class 3A, at 1:30 pm; then they play South Central at 4 pm. The tournament concludes with a single game on Tuesday. WHS then travels to Charlotte for a non-conference game on Saturday against Providence. And both teams in showing their support in the fight against breast cancer will wear pink that day. Our next broadcast of WHS baseball comes your way next Monday when Freedom comes to town (air-time, 6:05 pm on 100.7, MAC-FM).

South Caldwell played in the North Davidson Baseball Showcase on Friday and Saturday. The Friday game with Mount Tabor was rained out and will not be rescheduled; the Spartans blasted North Davidson 10-3 on Saturday. The Spartans (10-2) travels to Shelby for an Easter tournament beginning today.

Danielle Thorpe of the ASU track team was named the Southern Conference Field Athlete of the Month for March. And the ASU track teams also produced a pair of regional qualifiers at the

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Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, TN. Tim Daly qualified for regionals in the hammer throw with an effort of 185-11; Rebecca Hazeltine qualified for the high jump with a personal best effort of 5-8.75. The Apps will host an invitational at Kid Brewer Stadium on Friday.

The WHS track teams ventured to Columbia, SC for the Taco Bell Invitational this past weekend. Ian Boyd paced the WHS men by finishing 18th in the pole vault (12 feet); Gab Romano finished 19th in the discus (131-6). The WHS women were paced by Taylor Cooke, who tied for eighth in the pole vault (10 feet); Tara Trivette, who tied for ninth in the high jump (5-2), and Hannah Barbour in the 3200 meter run (11:41.34). The WHS men and women's teams travel to Knoxville, TN for the Volunteer Classic on Friday.

The ASU softball team dropped a double-header at Chattanooga on Saturday, losing game one, 3-2, and losing game two, 4-0. In game one, Ashe County product, Kayla Richardson, went 8 1/3 innings, gave up two earned runs, scattered five hits and struck out 10. Brittany Gaston hit her first home run of the year in that loss. Friday's game was rained out and won't be rescheduled. The Apps travel to Western Carolina for game one of a three-game series on Tuesday.

And the ASU men's tennis team won its fourth game of the year in the Southern Conference by knocking off Chattanooga 6-1 on Saturday. The Apps (13-9 overall) travel to Davidson to wrap up the regular season on Thursday. The ASU women tennis team hosts UNC-Greensboro on Tuesday.