The Appalachian State baseball team has now won eight in a row.

The Mountaineers (19-16) apparently like doing things the hard way. They spotted Gardner-Webb an early 4-0 lead before they came charging back to win, 12-10 in a non-conference game at Smith Stadium/Beaver Field. Isaac Harrow was one of the many heroes for the Apps as he hit a home run and knocked in four runs. Jerod Faggart had a home run and knocked in three runs; Chris Alessandria had two hits and two runs-batted-in, and Wes Hobson went 4-5 with an RBI. He also raised his batting average to .395. The Apps travel to Charleston to play the College of Charleston this weekend. They open the series with a 6 pm game on Friday. They will play 1 pm games on Saturday and Sunday. Our next broadcast of ASU baseball will be next Friday, April 24th (air-time, 6:40 pm on WATA) take on Wofford at Smith Stadium/Beaver Field.

The ASU softball team swept a double-header from Western Carolina on Tuesday in Cullowee. The Apps (19-23 overall; 11-9 Southern Conference) won game one, 4-2; they won game two, 5-1. Andrea McIntyre had three hits and drove in four runs in the double-header sweep. Ashe County product Kayla Richardson picked up her tenth win of the year in game two. The senior went seven innings, gave up one run, unearned, scattered four hits, walked one and struck out three. The ASU softball team returns home to play Furman in the final home series of the year.

In Northwestern 4A Conference baseball last night:

Catawba Easter Tournament: Bunker Hill 6, Alexander Central 4
Freedom Easter Tournament: East Burke 9, Mountain Heritage 4
Freedom 14, Draughn 1 (4 ½ innings)

North Buncombe Easter Tournament: A.C. Reynolds 4, Asheville 3 (championship game)

West Henderson Easter Tournament: McDowell 12, Smokey Mountain 2

Thursday's schedule:

Alexander Central v. Hickory
East Burke v. Freedom (championship game)
McDowell v. West Henderson 4 pm; v. Pisgah 6:30 pm

South Caldwell was pushed back yet another day at the Shelby Easter Tournament. The Spartans will play their suspended game (tied 2-2 in the fourth inning), which was halted by rain on Monday, today at 2 pm. They will then play Kings Mountain tonight at 7 pm. The finals will be played on Friday.

The ASU women's tennis team lost to Elon 6-1 on Wednesday. ASU 8-15; 2-7 SoCon) entertains Chattanooga on Friday. The ASU men's tennis team (4-5 SoCon; 13-9 overall) plays its final regular-season match of the year today at Davidson.

And in swimming, Watauga County, led by Richard Miller, finished eighth overall at the Blue Ridge Swimming Championships. Team-wise, the boys were fifth; the girls were eighth. Individually, Alayna Arnholt was third in the 25 butterfly in the eight and under division; Forrest Brown (15-18) was third in the 1000 free style; Joel Brown (9-10) won the 200 Intermediate Medley, won the 100 IM, the 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle, and the 100 breast stroke; He finished second in the 50 butterfly and the 100 butterfly, and he was also won high point for his age group. Jesse Chasteen (15-18) was second in the 200 breast stroke; Rebecca Landry (15-18) was third in the 200 butterfly; Marcus Funston (13-14) was second in the 100 and 200 butterfly; Darby Middlebrook (13-14) was third in the 100 and 200 breast stroke.

In the relay events: Darby Middlebrook, Doria Kosmala, Faye Clemons and Rebecca Landry (15-18) were fifth in the 400 freestyle and 400 medley relays; Michael Kelley, Forrest Brown, Jesse Chasteen and Konrad Kosmala (15-18) were fifth in the 400 freestyle relay; Brody Tingle, Nate Allain, Davis Tingle and Joel Brown (9-10) were fifth in the 200 freestyle relay; and Zac Craven, Luke Middlebrook, Brody Tingle and Davis Tingle (8 and under) were third in the 100 medley relay.