

## Mountaineers Smash Lady Hornets, 17-8

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In an offensive explosion of 15 hits helps Appalachian State University softball to a 17-8 win over Alabama State on Saturday at the Tiger Invitational hosted by Auburn. The Mountaineer's (1-1) senior Megan Rembielak led off the game with double to right field. Junior Allie Cashion

blasted a two-out home run to give ASU a 2-0 after a half of an inning. The Lady Hornets (0-4) responded with a run of their own in the first frame on a RBI triple from Meagan Dixon.

Appalachian increased its lead to 3-1 on a RBI single to the shortstop by Rembielak.

In the third-inning, sophomore Caroline Williams earned a lead off walk and Cashion reached on a fielding error. Caroline Rogers recorded her first collegiate home run to give the Apps a 6-1 lead. Freshman Sarah Warnock doubled to center and would score on a RBI single from senior Lindsay Whitlock to increase the Black and Gold's lead to 7-1.

Alabama State cut its deficit to 7-4 on three errors in the bottom of the third.

Both teams tagged three-runs (10-7) on a combined one hit, four walks, two hit by pitch and three errors in the fourth-inning.

In fifth Rembielak led off the inning with a walk. Cashion singled to left field and Rembielak scored on a fielding error by the left fielder to give ASU an 11-7 cushion.

The Lady Hornets scored their final run of the contest on a pair of passed ball in the bottom of the fifth.

The Mountaineers put the game out of reach with a six-run sixth-inning. Williams highlighted the top of the frame with a three-run home run.

Senior Caitlin Wainright struck out Alabama State's Yvette Ducoing and forced a pair of groundouts to end the game. Wainright pitched three innings in relief with no earned runs and two strikeouts.

Freshman Caroline Wainright made her first career start with three innings of work and five strikeouts.

Rembielak ended her day with three hits, three runs, two RBIs and two walks. Whitlock's three hits was a career-best, while Cashion tallied a career-best four runs.

Appalachians' game versus Wright State has been postponed till tomorrow at 2 p.m. (CT) and the match-up against Auburn has been pushed back to 4 p.m. (CT) on Sunday to wrap-up the Tiger Invitational.

**Photo Courtesy: Megan Rembielak, by Dave Mayo, ASU Athletics**