

ASU Softball Trounces NCCU on 27 Hits and 18 Runs

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Appalachian State University softball put on a hitting clinic with a combined 27 hits in a doubleheader rout over N.C. Central, 12-1 and 6-1, on Saturday at Thomas Brooks Park. The Mountaineers (4-4) tallied 14 hits in game one and 13 in the nightcap and had nine players with two or more hits in the pair of contests. Freshman

Caroline Rogers led the squad with five hits and four RBIs, while senior Megan Rembielak went 6-for-8 with three runs. ASU's pitching staff held the Eagles (1-7) to nine total hits.

Appalachian didn't waste any time in game one as Rembielak earned a bunt single and scored on a RBI single from Allie Cashion. Rogers singled up the middle to score Cashion and give ASU a 3-0 lead through the first inning.

Cashion tallied her second RBI of the game on a single to first and Rogers recorded her third RBI of the game on a double to left center to score Cashion and Meghan Smith to increase the Apps lead to 6-0 in the third-inning.

Appalachian added six more runs in the fourth to seal the contest. Sarah Warnock recorded a pair of RBIs, while Rembielak, Rogers and Brittany Pierce tabbed an RBI apiece to give ASU a 12-0 advantage.

Senior Caitlin Wainright earned her second win of the season, and only allowed three hits on 4.1 innings pitched with three strikeouts.

The Black and Gold continued their hitting display with 13 base knocks in the nightcap. The Apps took a 3-0 lead in the third-inning when Smith knocked in a pair of runs on a single to right field. Caroline Williams singled to left to score Rembielak.

N.C. Central responded with a RBI single by Sarah Kaiser to cut its deficit to 3-1 in the fourth-inning.

Appalachian increased its lead in the sixth with a pair of RBIs from Rembielak.

ASU ended the day with a home run to left field by Smith to give the Mountaineers a 6-1 lead. Freshman Caroline Wainright scattered six hit in the complete-game victory and fanned three Eagle batters.

The Mountaineers continue their month long road trip at Columbia, S.C. at Gamecock Invitational on Feb. 24-26 and will square off with George Washington, South Carolina and Presbyterian.