

## **Apps Over Power Eagles**

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A six-run sixth-inning gave Appalachian State University softball a 9-1 victory over N.C. Central Saturday night at Cyrill Stadium. The Mountaineers (8-6) have beaten the Eagles (1-13) for the third-time this season and are now 7-0 all-time. Appalachian

tallied five players with two hits and three players with at least two RBIs.

Caroline Williams kept the Eagles' hitters off balance all night with five strikeouts and only allowing four hits, one run and a walk in her first victory as a Mountaineer.

Megan Rembielak led off the bottom of the first with a single up the middle and stole a pair of bases to get to third. Freshman Sarah Warnock blasted one to right field to score Rembielak on sacrifice fly and give Appalachian a 1-0 lead.

In the fourth frame, senior Michelle Gorzelle started the inning with a picture perfect bunt single.

Freshman Dani Heichen ripped a single through the right side, and would score along with Gorzelle on a two-run single by Warnock to extend the Apps lead to 3-0.

N.C. Central struck back in the fifth (3-1) with a two-out double by Sarah Kaiser to score Mae'Risha Watts, who singled earlier in the frame.

Gorzelle ripped a two-hopper off the centerfield fence double to lead off the sixth inning. Senior Brittany Pierce reached on a fielding error by the shortstop and pinch hitter Allie Cashion rocketed a three-run homer for her fourth of the season. Rembielak tallied her second hit of the game on a bunt single and single by Warnock put runners on second and first with no outs.

Junior Meghan Smith lined a double off the fence to score Rembielak and Warnock. Williams earned a walk to put runners on the corners and Rogers ended the game with a single to left field.

The Mountaineers wrap up the Subway Spartan Classic with a game versus N.C. Central at 11 a.m. and a contest against host USC Upstate at 1 p.m. at Cyrill Stadium.

## **Long Ball Dooms Apps to Dayton, 7-3**

The long ball doomed Appalachian State University softball in the, 7-3, setback to Dayton on

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Saturday afternoon at Cyrill Stadium. The Flyers (3-9) used three home runs to end the Mountaineers' (7-6) three-game winning streak.

Dayton's Kathleen Maloof belted her fifth home run of the season to give the Flyers a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the third-inning. Pinch hitter Tiffany Ricks extended UD's lead, 6-0, on a three-run homer to left field.

The Mountaineers took a run back, 6-1, in the top of the fourth on a sacrifice fly by freshman Caroline Rogers to score fellow freshman Sarah Warnock.

UD's Brandy Brown led off the fifth frame with a solo home run to increase the Flyers lead to 7-1.

Appalachian didn't go down without a fight as freshman Cynthia Gomez's speed forced the shortstop to hurry on the throwing error. Freshman Dani Heichen singled to center to load up the bases after a Michelle Gorzelle single to third. Pinch hitter Caroline Williams sac flied to right center to score Gomez and cut ASU's deficit to 7-2. Gorzelle scored the Apps final run on a fielder choice by Warnock.

Warnock led the Apps offense with a 3-for-4 day with a run and RBI, followed by Heichen who went 2-for-3.

Freshman Caroline Wainright took the loss for the Mountaineers as she struck out four and gave up seven runs (three earned runs) in the complete-game performance.

Dayton's Sydney Cicchetti kept the Apps off balance all afternoon giving up seven hits and three unearned runs with five strikeouts.