

Clutch Hitting Earns Apps a Twinbill Split with Furman

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Appalachian State University softball split its twinbill with Furman on Saturday at Pepsi Stadium. The Mountaineers (11-10, 2-3 SoCon) fell in the opening game, 3-1 and were victorious in the nightcap, 4-3. Appalachian scored the first run of the game in the top of the fourth-inning on a senior

Michelle Lighton solo homer. The Paladins responded with their own run to tie up the contest, 1-1 as Lauren Collier opened the bottom of the frame with a double down the line and scored on Emily Boyer's single to right-center. The Paladins took the lead in the fifth as Nikki Legg reached on a bunt single, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on Taylor Jenkins' one-out double.

Furman added an insurance run in the sixth to up the margin to 3-1. Natalie Clemmons singled to left field and Stephanie Spain followed with an RBI triple into the right field corner.

Senior Caitlin Wainright took the loss as she struck out six and allowed three runs on eight hits, while fellow senior Megan Rembielak tallied a 3-for-4 to lead ASU's hitters.

In the nightcap, the Mountaineers scored their only runs of the game in the top of the second frame. Junior Allie Cashion led off the inning with a solo home run and three batters later senior Brittany Pierce grounded out to third to score Caroline Williams. Freshman Dani Heichen grounded out to second to score fellow freshman Caroline Rogers and give the Apps a 3-0 lead.

Lighton scored the Mountaineers final run of the game on a RBI single by freshman Sarah Warnock.

Jessie Homesley singled up the middle in the bottom of the third to put Furman on the board and the Paladins pulled within a run an inning later when freshman Ambree Muller drilled a two-run double to wall in left-center field.

Williams, however, held Furman without a hit over the final three innings to help ASU hold onto the lead and earn a split. The right-hander, who improved to 3-1, limited Furman to three runs on six hits while walking one and striking out one.

Warnock, Cashion and Williams each tallied two hits to lead Appalachian's 10-hit attack as the Mountaineers improved to 11-10 overall and 2-3 in SoCon play.

The Mountaineers will look to win their first series in Greenville since 2008 on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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