

## **Apps Fall In Extras At Radford**

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Appalachian State University softball dropped a 6-5 decision to Radford in eight innings on Thursday at Radford University Softball Field. The Mountaineers fell to 12-13 on the season and 0-2 in extra-inning contests as the Highlanders improve to 14-8 and 11-6 all-time against the Apps. The Highlanders struck first

in the bottom half of the first frame on a double steal. Jessie Hutchens stole second as Michelle Beall stole home to score the first run of the game. Radford added another run in the second as Hannah Ojeda flared an RBI-single to score Warr and give RU a 2-0 advantage.

The Mountaineers used three consecutive hits to take a 3-2 lead in the third-inning. Freshman Sarah Warnock poked a two-out single to left field, followed by a single up the middle from Meghan Smith. Allie Cashion blasted a three-run home run to give the Apps a one run advantage. The Highlanders' Micalah Sacre led off the bottom of the third with double of the centerfield wall and would score two batters later on a sacrifice fly by Ryndee Ruch. Beall scored her second run of the game on a sacrifice fly from Warr to give RU a 4-3 lead. Radford tagged on another run in the fifth on a sacrifice fly by Madden to score Beall and give the Highlanders a 5-3 lead.

The Mountaineers tied the game up, 5-5, with one swing of the bat. Smith started the sixth inning for ASU with a lead-off walk and was brought home on Cashion's second home run of the game. Cashion's two-run bomb gave her a career high five RBIs in a game and was first time the Waxhaw, N.C. native tallied two home runs in a game.

The Highlanders took advantage of the international tie breaker to score the game winning run in the bottom of the eighth. Vicki Madden flared one to center field and Cashion throw a dart home but was a split second late as Jackie Warr beat out the throw to score the game-winning run.

Appalachian pitched by committee as freshman Caroline Wainright suffered the loss. The rookie struck out a pair in her three innings in the circle and gave up two runs (one earned). Caroline Williams started the contest hurling two innings and allowed two runs. Senior Caitlin Wainright was the middle reliever and gave up two runs on two hits with three walks. Cashion tallied two of the Apps six hits and drove in all five runs. Smith went 1-for-2 on the day with a pair of runs and a walk.

The Mountaineers return to the High Country on Saturday to start a Southern Conference three-game series with Chattanooga. The three-game series will open with a doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m. and will end on Sunday with first pitch scheduled at 1 p.m.

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