

ASU Softball Sweeps Golden Eagles

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Appalachian State University softball swept Tennessee Tech, 5-2, 14-4, in a midweek non-conference twinbill on Wednesday night at Tech Softball Field. The Mountaineers (20-21) out hit the Golden Eagles (22-26) 12-4 in the first game and 15-5 in the nightcap. The Apps used their speed and stole four bags in Game 1 and five in Game 2. In the opener, Appalachian jumped

out an early 1-0 lead in the first on a solo home run by junior Meghan Smith, but the Golden Eagles were able to tie up the contest in the second inning on RBI-single by Kayla Floyd. The Mountaineers broke the game open in the third using six hits to score four runs. Freshman Dani Heichen led the inning off with single to score and stole second for her 14th stolen base of the season. Fellow freshman Sarah Warnock singled to first to move Heichen to third. Senior Megan Rembielak drove a single to right field to score Heichen. Smith ripped a two-run single to right field to give the Apps a 4-1 lead. Riley Carter's RBI-single up the middle gave the Mountaineers a 5-1 lead and was their sixth straight hit.

ASU's Caroline Williams walked the bases but escaped the fifth inning with only giving up one run to keep the Mountaineers ahead 5-2.

The Mountaineers pitched by committee and Caitlin Wainright started the contest striking out one and allowed three hits in two innings. Caroline Wainright earned the win to go 9-8 on the season and threw two perfect innings with two strike outs. Williams pitched the fifth and sixth innings and was able to keep the Golden Eagles in check after allowing three walks. Riley Carter closed out the game in the seventh to earn her first career save.

Appalachian out hit TTU 12-4 and were lead by Rembielak, Smith and Allie Cashion with two hits apiece.

In game two, for the second straight game the Mountaineers took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Rembielak hit a one-out bunt single and advanced to third on a pair of stolen bases. Rembielak scored on a fielding error by the shortstop. In the third inning Rembielak reached on an error to lead off the frame and stole second. Cashion singled to second base which allowed Rembielak to score and give ASU a 2-0 lead. The Golden Eagles responded in the bottom half with two runs of their own to tie the game up 2-2.

The Mountaineers took advantage of TTU's miscue to regain the lead 3-2 in the fourth and used a leadoff home run in the fifth by Cashion to extend ASU lead to 4-2. The Golden Eagles responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the fifth on a sacrifice fly by Brooke Basten to cut the Apps' lead to 4-3.

Appalachian scored five runs with two-outs in the sixth inning. Warnock led the two-out run with a single up the middle and stole second to get into scoring position. Warnock scored one batter later on a throwing error by the shortstop. Cashion crushed a two-RBI triple to give ASU a 7-3 lead. A pair of singles by Caroline Rogers and Caroline Chambers gave the Apps a 9-3 lead. TTU added a run in the bottom half to its deficit to 9-4.

The Black and Gold added on five runs in the seventh to take a 14-4 and the inning highlighted a three-run bomb by Williams and a solo shot down the left field line by Cashion.

Cashion led ASU with a four-for-five game and tied a career high five RBIs while Rembielak finished the nightcap three-for-four with a career high four runs and three stolen bases.

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The Mountaineers end the regular season with a trip to Birmingham Ala. for a series with Samford. Saturday's doubleheader is set to start at 2 p.m. EST and first pitch for Sunday's contest is set for 2 p.m. EST.