

UPDATED: Mountaineers Headed To Charlottesville

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For the second time in school history, and the first time since 1986, the Appalachian State University baseball team has earned an at-large entry to the NCAA Baseball Tournament. The Mountaineers will play the University of Oklahoma Friday, June 1, in the Charlottesville Regional hosted by the University of Virginia, at 8 p.m. Coverage begins at 7:40 p.m. on AM 1450, WATA and the IMG/ASU Radio Network. ASU is a No.3 seed, Oklahoma is a No.2 seed. The Mountaineers will play either Army (41-13 and the No.4 seed) or Virginia (38-17-1 and No.1 seed in the regional field) on Saturday, June 2. If ASU wins, the Mountaineers play at 6 p.m.; if they lose, they will play at 1 p.m.

The Mountaineers (39-16; 21-9 Southern Conference) were regular-season champions in the SoCon (their first conference title since 1987 and the sixth in school history); the Mountaineers were eliminated by Furman in the SoCon Tournament Friday night. The Sooners (38-22 overall; 13-10 in the Big 12 Conference) were a No.4 seed in league play. They dropped an 8-7 decision to Missouri in the Big 12 Tournament championship game on Sunday.

The SoCon had three teams selected for the NCAA Tournament; College of Charleston and Samford, which defeated Georgia Southern Sunday for its first SoCon title, made the cut. The Cougars (37-20) will play in the Gainesville Regional hosted by the University of Florida. The Cougars, the No.3 seed, will play Georgia Tech (36-24), the No.2 seed and the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament champions, in a first-round game. Florida (42-18), the No.1 seed overall, and Bethune-Cookman (34-25), the No.4 seed in the Gainesville Regional, round out the four-team field.

Samford (39-21) will play in the Tallahassee Regional hosted by Florida State. The Bulldogs, the No.3 seed, will play Mississippi State (39-22), the No.2 seed, in the opening round; Florida State (43-15), the regular-season champions in the ACC and the No.3 overall, take on Alabama-Birmingham (32-28) from Conference-USA and the No.4 seed in Tallahassee. Regional play will be double-elimination, and super regionals will be played at campus or neutral sites, June 8-11; the College World Series will be in Omaha, NE., June 15-26.

Friday, June 1

Game 1 - No. 1 Virginia vs. No. 4 Army, 4 p.m.

Game 2 - No. 2 Oklahoma vs. No. 3 Appalachian State, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 2

Game 3 - Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 1 p.m.

Game 4 - Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 6 p.m.

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Sunday, June 3

Game 5 - Winner Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4, 1 p.m.

Game 6 - Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 4, 6 p.m.

Monday, June 4

Game 7 - Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 6 (if necessary), 6 p.m.