

ASU Hammers Davidson to Win Series

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Appalachian State University baseball jumped out to a 7-0 lead after just three-and-a-half innings and cruised to a 10-4 series-clinching victory over Davidson on Sunday afternoon at Wilson Field

Sam Agnew-Wieland (Marietta, Ga./Wheeler) took a no-hitter into the fifth inning and Appalachian State (7-2, 2-1 SoCon) banged out a season-high-tying 15 hits in the rubber game of this weekend's three-game Southern Conference series.

Appalachian scored seven runs (three in the first inning, two in the third and two in the fourth) before Davidson (5-4, 1-2 SoCon) managed its first hit against Agnew-Wieland. The right-handed junior was perfect through three innings and did not allow a hit until Davidson designated hitter Ryan Lowe singled up the middle with one out in the fifth.

Agnew-Wieland would go on to work seven strong innings, striking out eight and allowing just three runs to easily move to 3-0 on the young season.

Offensively, five different Mountaineers had multiple hits to pace the 10-run, 15-hit outburst. Preston Troutman (Rockwell, N.C./East Rowan) led the way, going 3-for-5 with one of Appalachian's five doubles and two RBI. Red-hot Alex Leach (Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell) also went 3-for-5 to extend his hitting streak to eight games and up his batting average to a team-best .432.

Jaylin Davis (McLeansville, N.C./Northeast Guilford) (2-for-4, double, 2 RBI), Will Callaway (Greenville, S.C./Eastside) (2-for-4, double, RBI) and Noah Holmes (Rockwell, N.C./East Rowan) (2-for-2) also had multiple hits for Appalachian while Josh Zumbrook (Wilkesboro, N.C./West Wilkes) doubled and William Head (Asheville, N.C./Asheville) tripled to round out the club's six extra-base hits.

In the fourth inning, senior Hector Crespo (Miami, Fla./Florida Christian) tied Appalachian State's all-time record with the 85th stolen base of his career. Crespo's second steal of the day and sixth of the season moved him into a tie with Will Shellman (1991-94) for the program record.

Appalachian State continues a nine-game road stint on Tuesday when it makes the short trip to Johnson City, Tenn. for the first of two matchups this year with longtime local rival ETSU. First pitch is set for 7 p.m. at ETSU's Thomas Stadium.

NOTES: Appalachian State has won each of its last six three-game series versus Davidson (the team's split a rain-shortened two-game set in 2009) ... Appalachian has won 12 of the last 13 and 20 of the last 23 games versus Davidson ... Leach is hitting .485 (16-for-33) with seven doubles, a triple, two home runs, 13 RBI, 10 runs scored, a .939 slugging percentage and six multi-hit games during his eight-game hitting streak ... Agnew-Wieland and Friday-night starter Jamie Nunn (Winston-Salem, N.C./Mount Tabor) have combined for six of Appalachian's seven wins this season ... all of Zumbrook's seven hits this season have been for extra bases (five doubles, three triples and a home run) ... he has a .548 slugging percentage to go along with a .226 batting average ... Head's first-inning RBI triple was the first extra-base hit of his career.

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