

## Terriers Whip ASU In Series Opener

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Brandon Yarusi threw a complete-game four-hitter to lead Wofford to a 9-1 win over Appalachian State University baseball in Friday's Southern Conference series opener at Beaver Field at Jim and Bettie Smith Stadium. The loss snapped Appalachian State's 13-game winning streak versus the Terriers and marked the Mountaineers' largest margin of defeat in the series since a 13-3 loss at Wofford in 2004. Wofford (13-14, 4-6 SoCon) scored two runs in the first inning and exploded for five in the fifth to grab a 7-0 lead before Appalachian (12-9, 4-5 SoCon) managed its first hit off Yarusi. The Mountaineers finally broke through against Wofford's senior right-hander in the bottom of the fifth and scored their only run of the ballgame when Preston Tiller (Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell) followed Dillon Dobson's (Boonville, N.C./Starmount) two-out triple with an RBI single that made it 7-1.

The Terriers tacked on single runs in the sixth and eighth innings to close out the scoring. Yarusi struck out nine and walked just one in the third complete game of his career. He was buoyed by Wofford's 15-hit outburst, which included 4-for-4 performances from Josh Hyman and Seth Neely.

For the first time this season, Appalachian State starter Jamie Nunn (Winston-Salem, N.C./Mount Tabor) was not credited with a quality start (six or more innings pitched and three or fewer runs allowed). The right-handed sophomore surrendered a career-high nine runs in five innings of work and, despite matching a career high with eight strikeouts, fell to 5-2 on the season.

Dobson was the lone bright spot in Appalachian's lineup, finishing 2-for-3 with the triple and run scored. The first five hitters in the Mountaineers' batting order combined to go 0-for-19. Appalachian looks to rebound on Saturday when it hosts the second game of this weekend's three-game series versus Wofford. First pitch is set for 3 p.m. at Smith Stadium.

NOTES: The loss was Appalachian State's first to Wofford since May 17, 2008 (an 8-7 setback in Spartanburg, S.C.) ... Appalachian also saw its 11-game home winning streak versus Wofford come to an end with its first setback to the Terriers in Boone since March 19, 2005 ... the Mountaineers have lost three in a row at Smith Stadium for the first time since it suffered three-straight defeats to Elon on March 12-13, 2011 ... senior shortstop Will Callaway's (Greenville, S.C./Eastside) streak of 101-consecutive starts came to a close when he missed Friday's game due to an ankle injury ... Callaway could return to the lineup on Saturday.

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